

Arts Academy at Benjamin Rush High School (SA)

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Student Enrollment: 625

Admission Requirements:

Grades:

Grades: A's and B's on most recent final report card.

Local Norms:

80th Percentile or higher.

Attendance:

Exemplary attendance & punctuality.

Behavior:

No negative disciplinary reports.

Additional Requirements:

Successful audition in chosen major (art, dance, music, or theatre) required.

SEPTA Routes:

20, 67, 84



Mission & Approach to Learning:

Rush Arts is based on the belief that the arts provide an opportunity to develop intellectual growth and personal creativity as part of a rigorous academic curriculum. We emphasize the building of a reflective community of learners who are adaptive critical thinkers and creators while preparing our students for college and professional careers. Transdisciplinary teaching and learning are applied in every classroom. Rush Arts prepares students to become active members of a democratic society by fostering a culture of respect for the various views of our diverse student population and encouraging student voice in the pursuit of social justice.



Points of Pride:

The Arts Academy was profiled in the Philadelphia Inquirer and gained national recognition in sites such as ASCD's SmartBriefs and NCTE's Inbox; First place award winner in the One Book, One Philadelphia Graphic Arts Contest; The David Drake Award for Excellence in Ceramics; The People's Choice Winner: Philadelphia Museum of Art; Accolades in the Philadelphia Sketch Club; First place winner in the Philadelphia Young Playwriting monologue contest; many students participate in all-city orchestra and choir; Philadelphia Independence Music Award for Sound 2019.



Courses & Program Highlights:

Advanced Placement and honors courses: Physics, English, US Government, Art, and Calculus.

Dual Enrollment Programs: Community College of Philadelphia.

Electives offered: story casting (digital film making), creating writing, graphic arts, media arts, dance technique, chamber singing, forensics, and much more.



Partnerships:

- Arden Theatre Company
- Astral Artists
- Drexel University Department of Creative Arts Therapies
- Glen Ford on the Delaware
- Moore College of Art
- National Dance Education Organization
- Opera Company of Philadelphia
- PBS News Hour
- Philadelphia Young Playwrights
- Tyler School of Art
- University of Pennsylvania
- WHYY
- Women of Tomorrow



Extracurricular Activities:

- Jazz Ensemble
- Math Club
- Media Arts Club
- Model UN
- Quiz bowl
- SPIRIT Club
- Stage Crew
- Student Government
- United Minority Council
- WHYY media lab
- Women of Tomorrow
- Yearbook
- and much more



Sports Teams:

Varsity sports:

- Baseball— Boys'
- Basketball— Boys' and Girls'
- Soccer— Boys' and Girls'
- Softball—Girls'
- Volleyball— Girls'

School Progress Report (SPR)

Overall SPR

Performance Tier Reinforce

Performance Tier by Domain:

Achievement..... Watch

Progress..... Watch

Climate..... Model

College & Career Model