



The Arts at Thomas Jefferson Early Childhood and Lower School

Early Childhood

- Students in Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten meet with the music teacher twice a week.
- Early Childhood students perform in four concerts per year.
- Students meet with the art teacher in the Lower School Art Studio twice per week.

Lower School

- Students in Lower School meet with the music teacher twice per week. Students learn music fundamentals through singing, playing, moving and creating.
- Students in Lower School meet with the art teacher in the Lower School Art Studio twice per week. They learn about and create both 2-D and 3-D art, and are introduced to art history.
- Students in grades 3-5 are welcome to join the Lower School Vocal Ensemble that meets after school and performs several concerts throughout the school year.
- Students in grades 3-5 are welcome to begin learning a string instrument after school in addition to their general music courses.
- Fifth grade students are invited to begin learning a brass or woodwind instrument and join the Instrumental Ensemble.
- All Lower School students perform in at least four concerts each school year.
- Students in grades 1-5 are invited to perform in the Lower School Musical as part of TJ's Summer Discovery Academy.

Music Academy

The TJ Music Academy is an after-school program that offers private music instruction students of all ages. We offer lessons in strings, voice, woodwinds, and guitar that take place in our lovely facilities with our experienced faculty. Lessons rates are \$36 per hour, and we offer lessons of 30 minutes, 45 minutes, and 60 minutes depending on the student's need and playing level. Lessons are scheduled after school with the private instructor based on his or her availability. We offer many performance opportunities including recitals and music festivals.



The Arts at Thomas Jefferson Middle and Upper School

Middle School

- Students in Middle School enroll in either General Music or Instrumental Music, which meet twice per week. Students in General Music perform in three concerts per year, while students in the Instrumental Ensemble perform in five or more concerts per year.
- Students may join the Middle School Vocal Ensemble during their elective period. The Middle School Vocal Ensemble performs at five or more concerts per year.
- Students have the opportunity to perform with professional musicians during some of these concerts.
- Middle School students are given the opportunity to perform in the fall Middle School musical. Rehearsals take place during their elective period and after school.
- Middle School students take Studio Art twice per week, and they have the opportunity to take additional fine art classes through the Middle School elective period. Both 2-D and 3-D art concepts are covered, as well as content in art history.
- Drama is also offered during the Middle School elective period.

Upper School

- Courses in the fine and performing arts are electives in Upper School.
- Students have the opportunity to participate in the Upper School Vocal Ensemble or Instrumental Ensemble. Both groups perform at multiple concerts and competitions throughout the school year. Students have the opportunity to perform with professional musicians during some of these concerts.
- Studio Art is offered throughout Upper School, and students have the opportunity to focus on a single medium or explore a variety of mediums. Students enter several local and state art competitions.
- TJ offers two Advanced Placement courses in the fine arts for which students can potentially earn college credit, AP Music Theory and AP Studio Art 2-D.
- During the interim session in January, ninth grade students may choose to take a Music Appreciation course, and tenth grade students may choose to take an Art History course.
- Upper School students have the opportunity to participate in the spring musical as cast members, chorus members, or as members of the orchestra. Students also have the opportunity to assist with the backstage crew, or with the lighting and sound for the show.
- TJ has an inclusivity policy for co- and extra-curricular activities. Students who wish to participate in the arts are welcomed in any area.