



## LAS VEGAS ACADEMY OF THE ARTS SCHOOL PROFILE 2022 - 2023

315 South 7<sup>th</sup> Street  
Las Vegas, NV 89101  
702.799.7800

CEEB Code: 290 119  
<http://lasvegasacademy.net>  
702.799.7948 fax

### Administration

Mr. Scott Walker,  
Principal

Mrs. Jennifer Shuler,  
Assistant Principal

Mr. Joshua Hager,  
Assistant Principal

Mrs. Sarah Robinson,  
Assistant Principal

Ms. Susan Thornton,  
Assistant Principal

Ms. Patricia Carroll  
Student Success Coordinator

### About LVA and Las Vegas

The Las Vegas Academy of the Arts (LVA) is a nationally recognized, award-winning magnet high school, serving approximately 1,760 students in Clark County, Nevada. Located in the center of the Las Vegas Founders District, LVA serves students from throughout the district in grades 9-12. LVA provides students the opportunity to pursue a conservatory in the areas of dance, music, theater, or visual arts within which majors are available in band, vocal, dance, guitar, mariachi, orchestra, piano, visual arts (2D, 3D, animation, digital illustration, graphic design, photography, and video production), technical theatre, theatre, visual design, and world jazz studies. All students audition in their chosen performing major and/or prepare a portfolio.

LVA offers students an intellectually challenging learning experience and empowers them with the 21st Century skills and knowledge to compete successfully in the international workplace. LVA is a **FIVE-STAR** school according to the Performance Framework and boasts a 99.2% graduation rate. LVA offers more Advanced Placement exams than any other CCSD school. 87% of its graduating seniors enroll in a post-secondary institution, and last year, over \$22 million in scholarships were awarded.

LVA has received national, state, and local accolades. LVA has received twelve Grammy Signature School Awards for excellence in music programs and has been recognized by the International Network of Performing and Visual Arts schools as a STAR school. In 2000, the U.S. Department of Education recognized LVA as a New American High School. In 2002, the U.S. Department of Education honored LVA as a U.S. Blue Ribbon School, making it one out of only 17 high schools in the country to have received both prestigious awards. LVA has been designated a School of Distinction by Magnet Schools of America. In 2013, LVA received the Outstanding Arts School Award from the Arts Schools Network (ASN), the nation's largest professional membership organization of specialized arts schools. Most recently, ASN awarded LVA Exemplary Status 2018-2023 for overall excellence and leadership in arts education. Niche.com awarded LVA an overall "A" grade.

### Counseling Staff

Mrs. Salima Virani,  
Department Chair  
Guitar, Vocal  
virans@nv.ccsd.net  
x4303

Mrs. Jana Essary,  
Jazz, Photography,  
Technical Theater, Theatre  
cantojp@nv.ccsd.net  
x4305

Mr. Joel Diamond,  
Animation, Graphic Design,  
Piano, Visual Arts, 3D, Video  
Production  
diamojs@nv.ccsd.net  
x4304

Mrs. Carol Dunlap,  
Dance, Orchestra  
dunlaca@nv.ccsd.net  
x4302

Ms. Rashida Jeffery,  
Band, Mariachi  
jeffern@nv.ccsd.net  
x4301

Ms. Angela Graham,  
Secretary  
grahaaj@nv.ccsd.net  
x4300

Mrs. Laura Tuggle,  
Registrar  
lvaregistrar@nv.ccsd.net  
x4065



THE GRAMMY  
FOUNDATION®



arts schools network  
exemplary school  
2018 - 2023

Semester 2 of 2019-2020: CCSD Schools were closed due to the pandemic, and during quarter 4 students were able to resubmit quarter 3 work for a higher grade. Students could only improve their grades during this time and quarter 3 grades were then used for semester grades.

The **VISUAL ARTS Conservatory** provides students with intensive instruction in two and three-dimensional arts, ceramics, photo, visual design, graphic design, animation and video production. Numerous show openings in on-campus gallery space and in the community provide students with opportunities to display their work in an academic setting.

The **Performing Arts** program offers instruction in dance, technical theater, theater, vocal music, band, orchestra, jazz studies, guitar, mariachi ensemble, and piano. An aggressive production schedule provides students with many opportunities to perform in their chosen area of study, in both school and community productions/functions. The schools has two theaters that accommodate 1200 and 700 patrons as well as a black box space. It also has four dance studios, a multitude of individual music practice facilities and a recording studio.

In the **DANCE Conservatory**, students are introduced to a wide range of dance experiences and activities that will enhance basic movement technique and creativity. Instruction is given in released-based modern dance, Graham, Horton, ballet, jazz, ballroom, as well as choreography, dance history, and improvisation. The department also offers dance electives for students who are not dance majors.

In the **THEATRE Conservatory**, students study both acting and technical theatre. The **technical theatre** program provides students with training in lighting, sets, sound, and design for productions held in both large and small venues. Using various forms of technology and class work that centers on proper terminology, safety, and backstage procedures, technical theatre majors develop and build computer skills necessary for the entertainment world.

The traditional **acting** program provides an overview of theater and gives participants many opportunities to perform, from small classroom scenes to major productions. Basic acting skills are developed through improvisation, movement, and exercises for the actors. Acting students learn a broad cross-section of theatre theory and philosophy, and work toward placement in strong college theatre programs throughout the country. In addition, students have the opportunity to further refine their acting, singing and dancing skills through musical theatre courses and productions. Recent productions at the Academy include Aida, Cats, The Elephant Man, Execution of Justice, The Wiz, West Side Story, Oklahoma, Cinderella, 42nd Street, Footloose, Kiss Me, Kate, Bus Stop, Scapin, Silent Sky, Antigone, Dogfight, and Rent.

In the **MUSIC Conservatory** students participate in comprehensive activities that include instruction in brass, guitar, percussion, piano, strings, vocal, woodwinds, basic musicianship, history, music technology, theory, and world music. Students have the opportunity to participate in bands, guitar ensembles, madrigals, Mariachi ensembles, mixed choirs, orchestras, jazz ensembles, piano ensembles, wind ensembles and small ensembles in both rehearsal and performance settings. Sixty percent of the State of Nevada's Honor Band, Choir and Orchestra Students

attend the Las Vegas Academy. The department offers concentrations in **band, guitar, mariachi, orchestra, piano, vocal and jazz studies**.

There are several **band** programs at the Academy including chamber and symphonic. Students have the opportunity to join several school trips throughout the year. The bands are divided into three placement sections: Varsity I, Varsity II, and Varsity III. The Wind Ensemble was invited to perform in 2012 and 2017 at The Western International Band Clinic (WIBC). They have also been invited to perform at the prestigious Band of America National Concert Band Festival three times (1999, 2005, and 2011).

The **vocal** program is a program for 200+ of Las Vegas's most talented vocal students. There are six choirs for which students can audition: Bella Voz, Les Chanteuse, Cantare, Laudate, Konzert Chorale, and the Las Vegas Academy Singers as well as participation in our Opera Workshop ensemble and Vocal Jazz.

The **guitar** program at the Las Vegas Academy contains some of the most talented guitar players in the Las Vegas valley. As with the band program, the guitar program also contains Varsity I, Varsity II, and Varsity III levels. The department is a Gibson & Bender Award Winner.

The **mariachi** program draws students from all over Clark County who play in a mariachi ensemble with either a violin/viola, guitar/guitarron, or trumpet. It focuses on teaching the history and culture of the Mariachi, preserving the traditional music, and exploring into the music of the today's popular Mariachi ensembles. In 2014, Mariachi earned 1st place Best High School Mariachi Division at the National City Mariachi Festival and Competition. In 2017, they earned 2nd place at the San Antonio, TX national competition.

The **orchestra** program at the Las Vegas Academy is one of the most selective and premier orchestras for talented orchestral students in the Las Vegas valley. There are currently four levels of orchestras at the Las Vegas Academy. Students play music from orchestra literature, including full orchestra repertoire in collaboration with the Band Department, during their various orchestra concerts during the Academy school year. In 2008, the American String Teacher's Association lauded the Las Vegas Academy Philharmonic as the top full orchestra in the country. The Philharmonic students, along with the Jazz Band were invited to participate in the prestigious 68th Annual Midwest Clinic in Chicago in 2014.

The **piano** program has three levels of piano classes for each individual student at the Academy. The piano curriculum has three components: music history, keyboard and music theory, and performance. Students may participate in any of four solo and small ensemble recitals as well as performing in the Multiple Piano Festival scheduled in May.

The **jazz** program is one of the most decorated programs in the country with 17 DownBeat awards and a 13-time finalist at the Monterey Next Generation Jazz Festival. LVA Jazz students have performed several times at the Monterey Jazz Festival and The Midwest Clinic International Band and Orchestra Conference. Following a rigorous audition process, students are placed into one of three big bands. The jazz program also offers elective classes in big band, combos, and percussion.

ACT

	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>
National	20.8	20.7	20.6	20.7	20.6
Nevada	17.7	17.9	17.9	17.8	17.9
LVA	22.1	22.6	22.5	21.3	21.4

SAT

	<u>19EBRW</u>	<u>19M</u>	<u>20EBRW</u>	<u>20M</u>
National	531	528	528	523
Nevada	580	576	579	571
LVA	592	569	613	580

	<u>21EBRW</u>	<u>21M</u>	<u>22EBRW</u>	<u>22M</u>
National	533	528	570	559
Nevada	596	598	563	553
LVA	604	571	608	579

Advanced Placement Exam

	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>
# enrolled in AP Class	1023	500	862	917
# of students tested	556	486	483	555
Exams taken	957	1161	732	870
Scored 3 or above	499	717	390	479
% 3 or above	53.1	61.8	53.3	55

\*\*data not available as of 9/10/2021

Student Ethnicity / Gender %

	<u>19-20</u>	<u>20-21</u>	<u>21-22</u>	<u>22-23</u>
Caucasian	43.3	43	42.6	40.8
Hispanic/Latino	28.7	30.4	31.3	32.9
Asian	9.7	8.9	7.9	8.2
African American	7.7	7.4	7.4	7.4
Native American/ Alaskan	<1	<1	<1	<1
Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	1.1	1.3	1.2	1.2
Two or more races	9	8.6	9.2	9
Female	69.3	68.3	66.3	66
Male	30.7	31.7	33.6	33.8
Gender X			<1	<1

Post-Secondary Plans of Graduates

	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>
# of Grads	390	405	372	408	390
4 Yr College	68.5	71.6	67.7	68.3	63.8
2 Yr College	14.4	10.4	15.9	18.8	14.9
Other	17.1	18	18	12.9	21.3

Other includes GAP year, trade and vocational schools, military, full-time work, travel, religious mission, professional dance, music, acting or modeling.

Grading Scale

A-4.0	90-100%
B-3.0	80-89%
C-2.0	70-79%
D-1.0	60-69%
F-0.0	0-59%

Class of 2022

Average GPA

4.017

Class Rank

Class rank is calculated using all courses receiving credit, and all members of the class are included. Rank is based on weighted grade point average. Unweighted grade point average is based on a 4.0 scale. Honors and Advanced Placement courses are given an additional weighted grade factor of .025 and .050 respectively.

For the Cohorts of 2021 and beyond, there is no limit to the number of Honors, AP, or IB courses that will receive Bonus Points.

Rank in Class

Class of 2022 had 381 students

<u>% of Class</u>	<u>GPA (weighted)</u>	<u># of students</u>	<u>Top</u>	<u>Rank</u>
54.9	4.000 or higher	209	10%	38
33.9	3.000-3.999	129	33%	125
11	2.000-2.999	42	50%	191
0.3	Below 2.000	1	75%	286

The Las Vegas Academy offers the following:

Honor classes:

English 9, 10, 11, 12	Computer Science II, III
Geometry	Animation III
Algebra II	Spanish II, III
Pre-Calculus AB	Japanese II, III, V
Biology	Chinese II, III
Geoscience	World History
Chemistry	U.S. History
Physics	U.S. Government & Economics
Anatomy/Physiology	

Advanced Placement classes:

English Lang & Composition	World History Modern
English Lit & Composition	Human Geography
Calculus AB	U.S. History
Statistics	U.S. Government & Pol & NV Econ
Biology	Macroeconomics
Physics I: Algebra Based	Microeconomics
Environmental Science	Psychology
Japanese Lang & Culture	Art History
Spanish Lang & Culture	Drawing
Spanish Lit & Culture	2-D Art and Design
Chinese Lang & Culture	3-D Art and Design
Music Theory	

Dual Credit classes:

ANTH 102 H	MATH 95
CHEM 103 H	MATH 96
CHEM 105 H	MATH 120 H
ENG 101 H	MATH 124 H
ENG 102 H	MATH 126 H
PSC 101 H	MATH 127 H
GRC 104 H	MUS 121 H
	MUS 125 H

American Musical & Dramatic Academy  
 American University  
 Arizona State University  
 Art Center College of Design  
 Art Institute of Chicago  
 Art Institute of Philadelphia  
 Azusa Pacific University  
 Belmont University  
 Berklee College of Music  
 Biola University  
 Boise State University  
 Boston College  
 Boston Conservatory  
 Boston University  
 Brigham Young University  
 Cal Arts  
 California State University, Long Beach  
 Carnegie Mellon University  
 Chapman University  
 Cleveland Institute of Music  
 Colburn Conservatory  
 Colorado State University  
 Columbia College  
 Concordia University  
 Connecticut College  
 Cornell University  
 Cornish College of the Arts  
 Dartmouth College  
 DePaul University  
 Drexel University  
 Eastman School of Music  
 Emerson College  
 Emory-Riddle Aeronautical University  
 Florida State University  
 Fordham University  
 Franklin College Switzerland  
 Hartt School of Music  
 Hofstra University  
 Indiana University  
 Ithaca College  
 Lake Forest College  
 Loyola University  
 Manhattan School of Music  
 Marquette University  
 Marymount Manhattan College  
 Minneapolis College of Art & Design  
 New England Conservatory of Music  
 New School for Jazz & Contemporary Music  
 New York University  
 Northeastern University  
 Northern Arizona University  
 Pace University  
 Pacific University  
 Parsons School of Design  
 Pennsylvania State University  
 Pepperdine University

Pitzer College  
 Point Park University  
 Portland State University  
 Princeton University  
 Rensselaer Polytech Institute  
 Roosevelt University  
 Rutgers University  
 San Diego State University  
 San Francisco Art Institute  
 San Francisco Conservatory of Music  
 Santa Fe University of Art and Design  
 Sarah Lawrence University  
 Savannah College of Art & Design  
 School of the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston  
 School of Visual Arts  
 Scripps College  
 Seattle University  
 Seton Hall University  
 Southern Utah University  
 St John's University  
 Syracuse University  
 Texas A&M University  
 The George Washington University  
 The Juilliard School  
 The Liverpool Institute for the Performing Arts  
 The New School  
 The New York Conservatory for Dramatic Arts  
 United States Naval Academy  
 University of Arizona  
 University of California, Davis  
 University of California, Los Angeles  
 University of Cincinnati, Conservatory of Music  
 University of Colorado, Boulder  
 University of Evansville  
 University of Illinois  
 University of Miami  
 University of Michigan  
 University of Nevada, Las Vegas  
 University of Nevada, Reno  
 University of North Carolina School of the Arts  
 University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill  
 University of Northern Colorado  
 University of Portland University of Puget Sound  
 University of Redlands University of San Diego  
 University of Southern California  
 University of the Pacific  
 University of Washington  
 Vanderbilt University  
 Vassar College  
 Viterbo University  
 Washington University in Saint Louis  
 Webster University  
 Willamette University