



LAS VEGAS ACADEMY OF THE ARTS SCHOOL PROFILE 2020 - 2021

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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. 83% of its graduating seniors enroll in a post-secondary institution, and last year, over \$15 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.**



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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, digital illustration, 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 works in syncopation with the band program as students undergo a rigorous and competitive audition process in order to be admitted to the Academy. In recent years, the jazz program has placed as one of the top 3 jazz bands in the west coast. Along with big band, the Academy's combo won the Downbeat Award in 2008 and 2013. There are three levels of jazz bands: Jazz I, Jazz II, and Jazz III. The department has worked with Anita Brown, Chris Potter, Ndugu Chancler, Randy Brecker, and others.

ACT

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>
National	20.8	21.0	20.8	20.7	**
Nevada	17.7*	17.8	17.7	17.9	**
LVA	21.5*	22.2	22.1	22.6	23.2

SAT

	<u>17EBRW</u>	<u>17M</u>	<u>18EBRW</u>	<u>18M</u>
National	533	527	536	531
Nevada	563	553	574	533
LVA	603	562	600	559

	<u>19EBRW</u>	<u>19M</u>	<u>20EBRW</u>	<u>20M</u>
National	531	528	**	**
Nevada	580	576	**	**
LVA	592	569	616	585

Advanced Placement Exam

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>
# enrolled in AP Class	950	955	1023	500
# of students tested	486	518	556	486
Exams taken	969	941	957	1161
Scored 3 or above	564	523	499	717
% 3 or above	58.2	55.6	53.1	61.8

*15-16 Nevada adopted mandatory ACT testing
 **data not available as of 9/10/2020

Student Ethnicity / Gender %

	<u>17-18</u>	<u>18-19</u>	<u>19-20</u>	<u>20-21</u>
Caucasian	43.9	44.1	43.3	43
Hispanic/Latino	28.3	28.1	28.7	30.4
Asian	9.5	9.6	9.7	8.9
African American	7.6	7.5	7.7	7.4
Native American/ Alaskan	>1	>1	>1	>1
Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	1.4	1.4	1.1	1.3
Two or more races	9	9	9	8.6
Female	67.7	68	69.3	68.3
Male	32.3	32	30.7	31.7

Post-Secondary Plans of Graduates

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>
# of Grads	364	416	390	405	372
4 Yr College	69.6	70	68.5	71.6	67.7
2 Yr College	15.7	19.4	14.4	10.4	15.9
Other	14.7	10.6	17.1	18	18

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 2020

Average GPA

3.428

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 Cohort of 2020, a maximum of fourteen (14) courses or twenty-eight (28) semesters of Honors, Advanced Placement (AP), and/or International Baccalaureate (IB) courses will receive Bonus Points. This creates a Weighted GPA cap of 4.800 as the highest possible GPA.

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. This removes the Weighted GPA cap.

Rank in Class

Class of 2020 had 372 students

<u>% of Class</u>	<u>GPA (weighted)</u>	<u># of students</u>	<u>Top</u>	<u>Rank</u>
54.8	4.000 or higher	204	10%	37
92.2	3.000-3.999	343	33%	122
100	2.000-2.999	372	50%	185
0	Below 2.000	0	75%	279

The Las Vegas Academy offers the following:

Honor classes:

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

Advanced Placement classes:

English Lang & Composition	World History
English Lit & Composition	Human Geography
Calculus AB	U.S. History
Statistics	U.S. Government
Biology	Macroeconomics
Physics I: Algebra Based	Microeconomics
Environmental Science	Psychology
Computer Science Principles	Art History
Japanese Lang & Culture	Studio Art Drawing
Spanish Lang & Culture	Studio Art 2D
Spanish Lit & Culture	Studio Art 3D
Music Theory	

Dual Credit classes:

ANTH 101	HIST 102 H
ANTH 102	MATH 95
CHEM 103	MATH 96
CHEM 105	MATH 126 H
ENG 101 H	MATH 127 H
ENG 102 H	MUS 122
HIST 101	MUS 125

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
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 University of Washington
 Vanderbilt University
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