



LAS VEGAS ACADEMY OF THE ARTS SCHOOL PROFILE 2024 - 2025

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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 1,720 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, theatre, or visual & media arts within which majors are available in dance, band, vocal, world jazz studies, guitar, mariachi, orchestra, piano, visual arts (2D, 3D, photography, film/video production, media arts & communication), technical theatre, and theatre. 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 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 100% 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 \$20 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. The U.S. Department of Education recognized LVA as a New American High School and 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. 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 2023-2028 for overall excellence and leadership in arts education. Niche.com awarded LVA an overall "A" grade.

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The **VISUAL & MEDIA ARTS Conservatory** provides students with intensive instruction in two and three-dimensional arts, photo, media arts & communication, and film/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. Students have access to state-of-the-art equipment and studios (Dark room, photo lab, kilns, pottery wheels, film studios, computer labs, cintiq tablets). The Visual & Media Arts Conservatory also has a working print shop called InHouse Design & Print, the only one in NV.

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 school has two large theaters 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. Students dance in multiple shows throughout the year and two original dance dramas.

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

The traditional **acting** program provides an overview of theatre 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 theater courses and productions. Recent productions at the Academy include: 42nd Street, Kiss Me, Kate, Antigone, Dogfight, Rent, Anything Goes!, Sense and Sensibility, Legally Blonde, Drowsy Chaperone and A Christmas Carol.

In the **MUSIC Conservatory** students participate in comprehensive instruction in musicianship, music history, music technology and music theory. LVA Music boasts 60% of Honor Ensemble participants and has NV Command Performance winners every year.

The music conservatory has traveled internationally to Europe several times as well as annual trips to the largest cities in the U.S. The music conservatory offers majors in **band, guitar, mariachi, orchestra, piano, vocal, and jazz studies**.

The **band** program supports 3 concert bands as well as the wind/percussion section for 2 full orchestras. The top band regularly travels to national conferences and performances. The bands are divided into three placement sections: Varsity I, Varsity II, and Varsity III. The Wind Ensemble was invited to perform at the 2022 Midwest Band Clinic and the 2012, 2017, and 2023 Western International Band Clinic. They have also been invited to perform at the Band of America National Concert Band Festival three times (1999, 2005 and 2011).

The **vocal** program is for 250+ of Las Vegas's most talented vocal students. There are five choirs for which students can audition: Cantare, Bella Voz, Laudate, Konzert Chorale, and the Las Vegas Academy Singers, as well as participation in our "On Stage" and "Contemporary Voices" classes. Students in the vocal program regularly have opportunities to perform with artists like Hugh Jackman and on nationally-televised performances like the NFL Pro-Bowl, the NFL Draft and the 2023 NBC Primetime special, "A Very Barry Christmas" with Barry Manilow.

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 one of three mariachi ensembles with either a violin, guitar/guitarron, vihuela, trumpet or harp. It focuses on teaching the history and culture of the Mariachi, preserving the traditional music, and exploring the music of today's popular Mariachi ensembles. The Mariachi department has numerous awards and is a regular finalist in national competitions.

The **orchestra** program at 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 with the top two involving winds and percussion. The Philharmonic has been invited to perform at the Midwest Clinic in 2009, 2014, and 2021.

The **piano** program has three levels of piano classes for each individual student at the Academy. The piano curriculum has four components: music history, keyboard, 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 22 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 (2009, 2014, and 2021). 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>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>
National	20.6	20.7	20.6	22	19.9
Nevada	17.9	17.8	17.9	17.9	17.3
LVA	22.5	21.3	21.4	21.6	21.2

SAT

	<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

	<u>23EBRW</u>	<u>23M</u>
National	560	547
Nevada	592	580
LVA	595	565

Advanced Placement Exam

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>
# enrolled in AP Class	862	917	789	686
# of students tested	483	555	481	661
Exams taken	732	870	746	730
Scored 3 or above	390	479	460	536
% 3 or above	53.3	55	61.7	73.4

Student Ethnicity / Gender %

	<u>21-22</u>	<u>22-23</u>	<u>23-24</u>	<u>24-25</u>
Caucasian	42.6	40.8	39.6	37.8
Hispanic/Latino	31.3	32.9	32.5	34.5
Asian	7.9	8.2	8.8	8
African American	7.4	7.4	6.9	7.1
Native American/ Alaskan	<1	<1	<1	<1
Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	1.2	1.2	1.1	1.3
Two or more races	9.2	9	10.4	10.7
Female	66.3	66	65.7	66.8
Male	33.6	33.8	32.5	32.7
Gender X	<1	<1	<1	<1

Post-Secondary Plans of Graduates

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>
# of Grads	372	408	390	367	396
4 Yr College	67.7	68.3	63.8	66.7	67.9
2 Yr College	15.9	18.8	14.9	14.5	7.5
Other	18	12.9	21.3	18.8	27.8

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 2024

Average GPA

3.322

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. As per CCSD Regulation 5127, beginning with the Cohort of 2024, the maximum weighted GPA that can be earned is 4.950.

Rank in Class

Class of 2024 had 396 students

<u>% of Class</u>	<u>GPA (weighted)</u>	<u># of students</u>	<u>Top</u>	<u>Rank</u>
53	4.000 or higher	153	10%	37
36	3.000-3.999	153	33%	122
11	2.000-2.999	61	50%	184
<1	Below 2.000	2	75%	277

The Las Vegas Academy offers the following:

Honor classes:

English 9, 10, 11, 12	Spanish II, III
Geometry	Japanese II, III
Algebra II	Computer Science III
Biology	World History
Geoscience	U.S. History
Chemistry	American Government
Physics	Econ and Financial Lit
Anatomy/Physiology	

Advanced Placement classes:

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

Dual Enrollment classes:

ANTH 101	MATH 120
ANTH 102	MATH 124
CHEM 105	MATH 126
CHEM 108	MATH 127
ENG 101	GRC 107
ENG 102	GRC 110
PSC 101	MUS 121
HIST 101	MUS 125
HIST 102	

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