

School Profile 2009 - 2010



The Public Academy for Performing Arts

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The School

The Public Academy for Performing Arts (PAPA) opened its doors in 2001 with 166 students, grades 6 to 9. In 2004, it graduated its first class with 3 seniors. Today, PAPA is home to 350 students, grades 6 through 12 with approximately 50 students in each grade level. Admission is through a lottery. The student to teacher ratio is 15:1. PAPA has met standards for adequate yearly progress for the past six years and has a 100% graduation rate. Approximately 55% of the students are Caucasian, 40% are Hispanic, 3% are African American, 2% are Asian, and less than 1% are Native American. Approximately 25% of the students qualify for free or reduced lunch. Approximately 17% of the students qualify for special education services.

Mission and Vision

PAPA is a small public charter school with a supportive educational community. Students pursue a college preparatory curriculum, achieve high academic standards, and pursue excellence in the performing arts.

Charter

PAPA is chartered by the Albuquerque Public School (APS) Board of Education and the New Mexico Public Education Department. As a charter school, PAPA is responsible for its own operation, including preparation of a budget, contracting for services and personnel matters. The Governing Council sets policies for the school in accordance with its charter. PAPA's Governing Council consists of parents and community members with faculty and staff as advisory, non-voting members. The Governing Council meets once a month.

Accreditation

North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools and the New Mexico Public Education Department.

Testing

The average ACT composite score for the class of 2008 - 23.0

Distinctive Characteristics of the Instruction

- Daily Schedule: seven periods with 53 minute classes.
- Dual Credit/concurrent enrollment: available to qualified sophomores, juniors, and seniors with Albuquerque Public Schools Career Enrichment Center, Central New Mexico Community College, and the University of New Mexico.
- Advanced Placement courses: available on-line to qualified juniors and seniors through Ideal-NM and AVENTA Learning.
- Honors course offerings: English 10, English 11, English 12

Elective courses in the arts include

- Dance - Ballet, Flamenco, Jazz, Contemporary, Hip Hop
- Music - Band, Orchestra, Guitar, Piano, Choir
- Theater - Acting/Directing, Stagecraft, Theater Production, TV/Film
- Art - Studio Art, Art

Senior Showcase is a capstone production requiring seniors to perform solos in their chosen performing art.

High School Graduation Requirements

PAPA requires 25 credits to graduate, two more than required by the State. They include:

- 4.0 credits of English/Literature (English 9 - 12)
- 3.0 credits of Mathematics (Algebra, Algebra II, Geometry, or Trigonometry/Pre-Calculus, or Consumer Math)
- 3.0 credits of Laboratory Sciences (Biology, Chemistry, Physics, or Earth Science)
- 3.5 credits of Social Studies (New Mexico History, World History, U.S. History, Government, Economics)
- 2.0 credits of Foreign Language (Spanish or French)
- 1.0 credit of Physical Education (Dance)
- 1.0 credit of Communication Skills (Theater, Yearbook, Dance, Choir, TV/Film or 3rd year of Foreign Language)
- 1.0 credit of Senior Seminar
- 0.5 credit of Health
- 6.0 credits of electives

Students must pass all sections of the New Mexico High School Competency Examination to receive a high school diploma.

Grade Point Average and Class Rank

Each student's class rank is determined by his/her weighted cumulative grade point average. The grade point scale for computing rank is as follows:

Letter Grade	Percent Range	Grade Points
A	100 - 93	4.00
A-	92 - 90	3.67
B+	89 - 87	3.33
B	86 - 83	3.00
B-	82 - 80	2.67
C+	79 - 77	2.33
C	76 - 73	2.00
C-	72 - 70	1.67
D+	69 - 67	1.33
D	66 - 63	1.00
D-	62 - 60	0.67
F	< 50	0.00
WP	Withdraw/Pass	Not Counted
WF	Withdraw/Fail	0.00
I	Incomplete	Not Counted
Audit	Audit	Not Counted

Weighted Grades

AP courses with grades of D or higher earn an additional 1.0 grade point. Community college and university courses are unweighted and categorized as elective credits.

Clubs and Activities

Student Council

As charter school students, our population may also elect to participate in athletics, ROTC, dance team, and cheerleading at their home schools.