

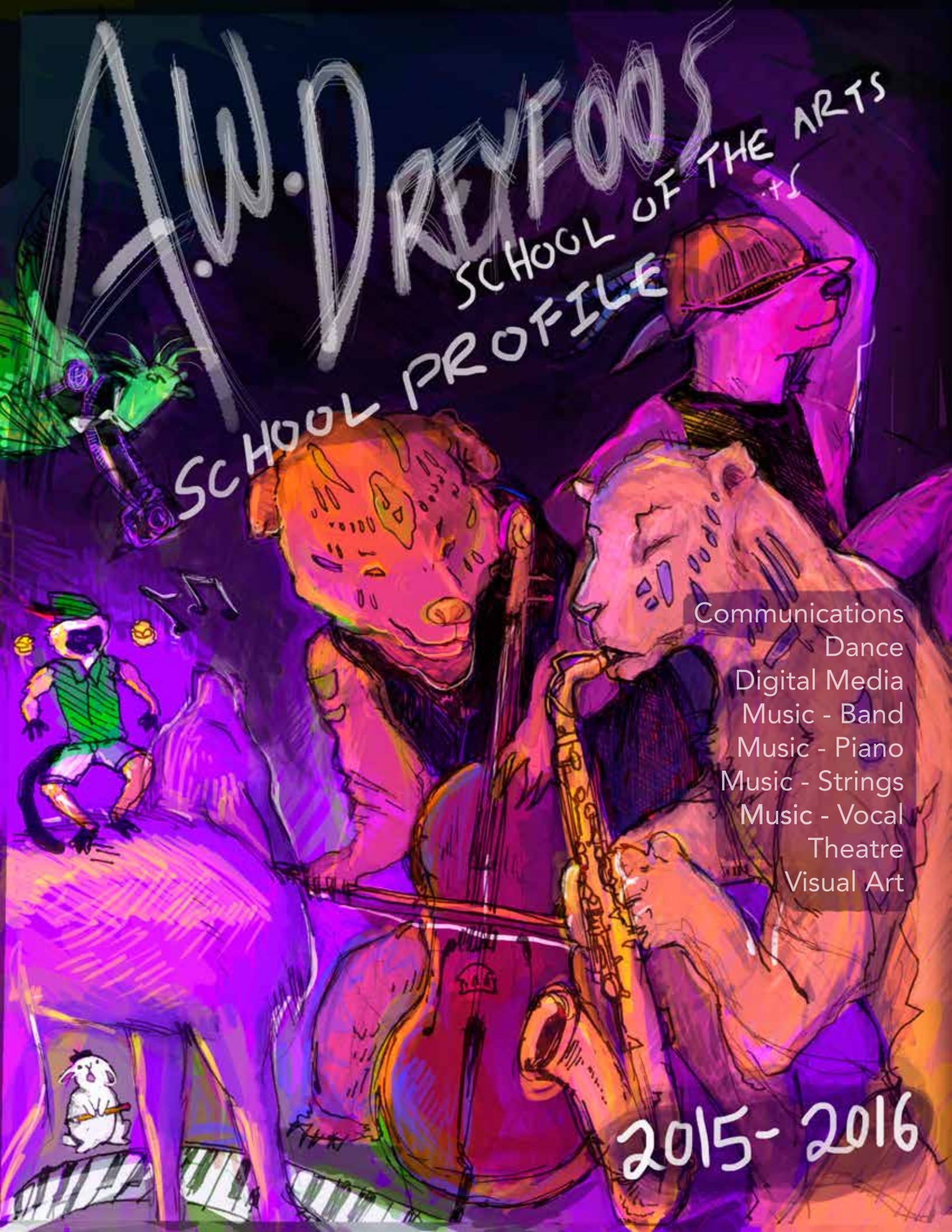
A.W. DREYFOUS

SCHOOL OF THE ARTS

SCHOOL PROFILE

Communications
Dance
Digital Media
Music - Band
Music - Piano
Music - Strings
Music - Vocal
Theatre
Visual Art

2015-2016



MISSION STATEMENT

The Alexander W. Dreyfoos School of the Arts provides an outstanding arts-centered education, in concert with a strong academic program. The school serves students with exceptional ability in communication arts, dance, digital media, music, theatre, or visual arts. The faculty and staff, in partnership with students, parents, and the community will strive to meet individual creative academic needs of these students.

ABOUT THE DREYFOOS SCHOOL OF THE ARTS

The Alexander W. Dreyfoos School of the Arts was founded in 1989 as the premier arts high school in the School District of Palm Beach County, the nation's eleventh largest school district which serves a county geographically larger than Rhode Island or Delaware.



Located on the historic Central Schools campus in the heart of downtown West

Palm Beach, west of the CityPlace entertainment district and adjacent to the Raymond F. Kravis Center for the Performing Arts, this Choice Program school accepts students from all public and private middle and high schools in the county based upon competitive audition process.

With a current enrollment of over 1,400 students, the Alexander W. Dreyfoos School of the Arts offers its students intensive study within their art area and rigorous college preparatory academic curriculum. This innovative program has led to the school receiving a multitude of awards and recognitions on all levels, local to international.



ADMISSIONS PROCESS

Students may apply to the Alexander W. Dreyfoos School of the Arts from eighth through eleventh grades for admission the following year.

Applications are submitted in the fall to the School District of Palm Beach County's Department of Choice Programs and School Choice.

Auditions are held each winter and students receiving a qualifying score will be eligible to attend the school. In the event that the number of eligible students exceeds the number of available slots, the school district will conduct a lottery to determine the students actually assigned to the school. For 2015 DSOA Auditions, 31% of students were accepted for this school year.

Once a student at Dreyfoos, most arts departments require students to earn service hours each semester. Additionally, students are required to maintain a 3.0 honors point average in their arts courses and a 2.0 grade point average cumulative.

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THE ARTS



Communication Arts

The communication arts program is the first of its kind to exist anywhere in the United States. It offers a multi-strand curriculum that promotes proficiency in speech and debate, print and broadcast journalism, creative writing, graphic design, digital video/film production and television production. This program prepares students to be leaders in the various fields of communications through participation in performances, publications, and productions.

Dance

Offering a comprehensive college training program for serious dance students, the dance program emphasizes ballet, modern, and jazz. All students take classes in improvisation, composition, dance fitness, men's techniques, partnering and pointe. In addition to the regular faculty, each year the dance department contracts several professional dance artists to work as master teachers and choreographers. Through quality training and exposure to diverse dance experiences, the mission is to prepare students to be successful in college dance programs, conservatories, and professional dance companies.

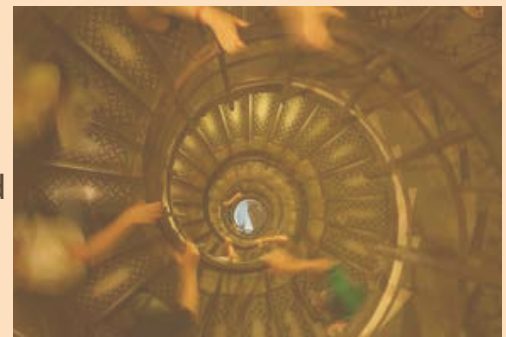


Digital Media/Film/Photography

The digital media/film/photography program has been created by blending two dynamic programs: communication and visual arts.

Students are offered classes in film (digital video) production, photography (traditional and digital), animation, and graphic design.

Students in this program work with both the moving and still image to create narrative, experimental, documentary, and short films.



Music

Recognized internationally, the music program offers extensive study in four different areas of concentration: band, keyboard, strings, and vocal. Additional courses include four levels of music theory/composition, and courses in music history and piano. More than twenty different student ensembles, ranging from classical to jazz, are rehearsed and performed throughout the year.



Theatre

The award-winning theatre program provides students with the literary, performance, and technical theatre educational experiences necessary to enter prestigious universities, conservatories, and the professional theatre. Upper level students may choose from two areas of concentration: performance or design/technical theatre. Alumni are currently casting, designing, performing, and producing on Broadway, off-Broadway, regionally, and in major films/television programs.



Visual Arts

The visual arts program encourages its students to explore personal visions through a variety of mediums and materials. Sculpture incorporates welding and casting, as well as non-traditional three-dimensional techniques. The department has developed a unique architecture program that offers advanced students internship opportunities. Painting and drawing classes provide the opportunity to work from live models. Extensive courses in black and white photography, digital photography, and printmaking are also offered.



CAMPUS LIFE

Students from the Alexander W. Dreyfoos School of the Arts travel to school via car, bus, train, or foot. Since students come from all over Palm Beach County, the commute time can be upwards of an hour and a half. Once on campus, students are enrolled in seven classes which are offered on a block schedule. Three classes meet every other day for 100 minutes and one class meets every day for 50 minutes. Each Thursday, students meet with all seven classes. All ninth, tenth, and eleventh grade students are required to take seven classes, two of which must be in their art area. Seniors must take at least six classes, two of which must be in their art area. Additionally, many students complete coursework online through dual enrollment, Florida Virtual School and Palm Beach Virtual School. As a result, it is not uncommon for upper-level students to take three and five art area classes their senior year.

In their time at the Alexander W. Dreyfoos School of the Arts, students are encouraged to become involved in a wide spectrum of interest clubs, honor societies, and councils. Most clubs meet during lunch on an alternating weekly schedule. Honor societies and councils typically require that a number of service hours be earned outside of the school day. There are also eight FHSAA-sanctioned sports teams.



FACULTY

The faculty of the Alexander W. Dreyfoos School of the Arts is comprised of teachers who have backgrounds in education, the professional world, and the artistic realm. Over half of the faculty hold advanced degrees (Masters and/or Doctorates), and there are eight National Board Certified Teachers on staff. The vast majority of the arts faculty regularly practice in their particular field of expertise in our community, leading to increased opportunities for students to participate in artistic and academic research endeavors beyond the school site. Among the awards that Alexander W. Dreyfoos School of the Arts faculty have received are: Magnet Schools of America Southeastern Regional Principal of the Year, William T. Dwyer Award, I Make a Difference Award, Palm Beach County Hispanic Teacher of the Year, Florida State Thespians Sponsor of the Year, Florida Art Educator of the Year, Florida Association of Theatre Educators' Administrator of the Year.

GRADING SYSTEM



The school operates 36 weeks per year and is divided into four nine-week marking periods. The first two nine-week periods comprise the first semester; the last two nine-week periods comprise the second semester. Students earn one-half (.5) credit per class each semester if they complete the term with a grade of "D" or better.

The semester grade is determined by averaging the two nine-week grades (40% each nine-weeks) and the semester exam (20%). If two of these three grades are an "F", then the final semester grade be an "F". If there are 11 or more absences, in the semester, the student must take and pass the semester exam in order to earn credit.

Algebra 1, Geometry, Algebra 2, Biology, and U.S. History require a statewide End-Of Course Exam (EOC). All EOC courses are year-long courses with 1.0 credit awarded at the conclusion. Coursework will count as 70% of a student's final grade. The EOC will counts as 30% of the final grade. The coursework portion of the grade will be comprised of each of the four quarter grades counting as 22% and the first semester exam counting as 12%.

Grade Scale

A = 100 - 89.50 B = 89.49 - 79.50 C = 79.49 - 69.50

D = 69.49 - 59.50 F = 59.49 and below

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS FOR THE CLASS OF 2016

- Must Pass Alegbra 1 EOC
- Class of 2016- Must pass FCAT Reading
- Class of 2017-2019- Must FSA English & Language Arts
- 2.0 Unweighted Grade Point Average

English	4 Credits
Mathematics	4 Credits
(Must Include Algebra 1 & Geometry)	
Physical Science	1 Credit
Biology	1 Credit
Science Elective	1 Credit
World History	1 Credit
U.S. History	1 Credit
U.S. Government	1/2 Credit
Economics	1/2 Credit
Physical Education or HOPE	1 Credit
Fine Arts Elective	1 Credit
Electives	8 Credit

- Courses are offered at the average, honors, and Advanced Placement levels on site and through Florida Virtual School.
- Dual Enrollment (college) courses are available through Florida Atlantic University and Palm Beach State College.
- All classes are used in computing the weighted honor point average (HPA).
- Class rank is determined by quality points assigned to courses according to their level of difficulty.
- 20 community service hours
- One online course

QUALITY POINTS

Advanced Placement/ Dual Enrollment/ AICE/IB	Honors	Regular
A = 6.0	A = 4.5	A = 4.0
B = 4.5	B = 3.375	B = 3.0
C = 3.0	C = 2.25	C = 2.0
D = 1.5	D = 1.125	D = 1.0
F = 0	F = 0	F = 0

CURRENT GRADE POINT AVERAGE DATA

Seniors (314) Students

Top 48% (through #150) have at least 4.0 HPA
 Top 73% (through #228) have at least 3.5 HPA
 Top 90% (through #283) have at least 3.0 HPA

Median
 GPA 3.526/HPA 3.836

Student Body (1,406 students)

Top 41% have 4.0 HPA or higher
 Top 64% have 3.5 HPA or higher
 Top 83% have 3.0 HPA or higher

Mean
 GPA 3.09/HPA 3.41

ADVANCED PLACEMENT (AP) PROGRAM

Advanced Placement courses offered during the 2015-2016 school year:

Art/Drawing Portfolio	Environmental Science	Statistics
Art History	European History	Studio 2D Art
Biology	Human Geography	Studio 3D Art
Calculus AB	Microeconomics	U.S. Government/ Politics
Calculus BC	Music Theory	United States History
Chemistry	Physics 1	World History
English Composition	Physics 2	
English Literature	Psychology	

2015 AP EXAM PASSING RATES

Biology	80%	European History	59%	Art History	75%
Chemistry	49%	Human Geography	59%	Drawing Portfolio	88%
Physics 1	38%	United States History	64%	Studio 2/D Art	91%
English Comp.	82%	U.S.Government/Politics	21%	Studio 3/D Art	100%
English Lit.	70%	Microeconomics	33%	Music Theory	100%
Calculus AB	87%	Psychology	79%		
Calculus BC	100%	World History	70%		
Statistics	73%				

AP EXAM SCHOOL AVERAGE PASSING RATE- 79%



STANDARDIZED TESTING MEAN SCORES

SAT

Class	Dreyfoos Reading	Dreyfoos Math	Dreyfoos Writing	Dreyfoos Composite	School Dist. Composite	State Composite	National Composite
2015	575	547	559	1681	TBA	1434	1490
2014	573	543	556	1672	1338	1448	1497
2013	579	546	566	1691	1412	1457	1498
2012	575	552	571	1702	1425	1460	1500

ACT

Class	Dreyfoos Composite	School Dist. Composite	State Composite	National Composite
2015	25.2	TBA	19.9	21
2014	25.0	19.3	19.6	21.0
2013	25.2	18.2	19.6	20.9
2012	25	19.3	19.8	21.1

2015 National Programs

5 National Merit Semifinalists

4 National Hispanic Program Semifinalists

RECENT SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENTS

- Ranked #9 in State by U.S. News World Report
- Ranked #68 in the Nation by U.S. News World Report
- Ranked #17 amongst Magnet Schools in America by U.S. News World Report
- 1 Presidential Scholar from the Young Arts Program
- 9 gold, 21 silver, and 1 American Vision medals from the Scholastic Art and Writing Awards from Alliance for Young Arts and Writers
- 1 Bertie Green Travel Award Winner
- 5 Presidential Nominees for U.S. Presidential Scholars
- 1 student selected for United States Senate Youth Program
- 1 student selected by Music for All's to play in 2015 Jazz Band of America
- SEEDS Literary & Arts Magazine finalist for the Columbia Scholastic Press Association Crown Awards
- 7 Winners for the Palm Beach Post Pathfinders Award
 - First Place in Music Vocal and Literature
 - Second Place in Mathematics and Theatre
 - Third Place in Communications
 - Fourth Place in Speech and Academic Excellence



POST-SECONDARY OPPORTUNITIES

Among the Colleges and Universities Offering Admissions to the Class of 2015

American University	Emory University	Rhode Island School of Design
Art Center College of Design	Florida State University	Ringling Coll of Art & Design
Berklee School of Music	Fordham University	School of Museum of Fine Arts
Boston Conservatory	George Washington University	Stanford University
Boston University	Howard University	Stetson University
Brands University	Indiana University	Syracuse University
Brown University	Juilliard School	SUNY - Purchase
Bryn Mawr College	Maryland Inst College of Art	Tulane University
Carnegie Mellon University	Massachusetts Inst of Tech	Univeristy of Arts
Columbia University	Middlebury College	Univ of California - Berkeley
Cooper Union	New York University	University of Florida
Cornell University	Northeastern University	University of Miami
Dartmouth College	Northwestern University	University of Notre Dame
Duke University	Notre Dame University	Univ of Southern California
Elon University	Parsons School of Design	Yale University

Out of the Class of 2015, 36% of students will
continue their studies as Art Majors

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