



A public school with the entire state as its district, Alabama School of Fine Arts (ASFA) admits students through application and audition, providing tuition-free instruction in six specialty areas: Creative Writing, Dance, Math & Science, Music, Theatre, and Visual Arts, plus a full college preparatory curriculum. Located in the heart of Birmingham’s downtown cultural district, ASFA provides a dormitory for students living beyond commuting distance.

WHAT MAKES ASFA DIFFERENT?

- Partially residential, publicly funded secondary school enrolling grades 7-12.
- Six major Specialties: Creative Writing, Dance, Math & Science, Music, Theatre, and Visual Arts.
- Competitive admission based on application, letters of recommendation, school records, audition and/or interview.
- Extended school day (8:00 am - 4:40 pm) includes six core academic periods of 45 minutes and minimum of 3 hours of Specialty instruction per day.
- Due to our extended school day and significant Specialty commitments, ASFA sponsors no athletics and limited extracurricular activities that are directly related to our Specialty programs.
- All seniors create an original, substantial research project, written work, performance or exhibit in their Specialty.
- We do not rank.
- We ask students to answer application questions honestly, including about disciplinary history.

MARKING SYSTEM AND RELATED PROCEDURES

- Grades assigned on a 10-point grading scale as follows:
A= 90-100, B= 80-89, C= 70-79 and D= 60-69
- GPA based on a 4.0 scale.
- For weighted GPA, 1 point is assigned to all Specialty & AP courses.
- On the transcript, the symbol > precedes weighted courses.
- We report both weighted & unweighted GPAs on transcript.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Specialty Area.....	16 credits
English.....	4 credits
Social Studies.....	4 credits
Math.....	4 credits*
Science.....	4 credits
Foreign Language.....	2 credits
Fine Arts.....	1.5 credits
	<i>for Math/Science students</i>
Health & Wellness.....	1.5 credits
Computer Applications.....	0.5 credit*

ADVANCED COURSES

These demanding courses require extra preparation, rehearsal, and/or study time. Most use college texts and teaching methodologies, and are paced to match undergraduate offerings.

We strenuously urge colleges to include ASFA Specialty courses in GPA calculations and to weight them at or beyond Advanced Placement level – as you would the most rigorous academic courses.

See complete curriculum catalog at www.asfaschool.org/academics.

CORE CLASSES

Open to All Students:

English British Literature	Social Studies Advanced Studies in U.S. History II AP U.S. Government and Politics AP Macroeconomics
Mathematics * AP Calculus AB	Computer Science AP Computer Science A AP Computer Science Principles *
Science AP Environmental Science Human Anatomy and Physiology Genetics Physics	World Languages AP French, AP Spanish, & AP Latin
	Electives Advanced Art History AP Psychology

* AP Computer Science Principles may fulfill math requirement for arts students.

SPECIALTY COURSES

Available only to students within each Specialty listed below:

Math/Science Specialty Abstract Algebra AP Calculus AB AP Calculus BC AP Statistics AP Biology AP Chemistry AP Physics C: Electricity & Magnetism AP Physics C: Mechanics Differential Equations Math Modeling Applied Math Advanced Artificial Intelligence AI and Machine Learning Senior Research	Creative Writing Senior Thesis Workshop
	Dance Dance 12 Professional Dance Practicum
	Music Conducting Advanced Music History Advanced Music Theory
	Theatre Arts Directing Senior Acting Workshop TA Senior Capstone
	Visual Arts VA Senior Thesis

ADMISSION TO ASFA 2020-2024

36% OVERALL ACCEPTANCE RATE

BY SPECIALTY DEPARTMENT:

Creative Writing.....37%	Theatre Arts.....31%
Music.....45%	Math/Science.....45%
Dance.....51%	Visual Arts.....27%

CLASS OF 2025 GPA DISTRIBUTION

WEIGHTED		UNWEIGHTED	
GPA Range	% Students	GPA Range	% Students
> 4.4	26.5%	> 4.0	13%
4.2–4.39	26.5%	3.8–3.98	31%
4.0–4.18	28%	3.6–3.79	31%
< 3.92	19%	< 3.59	25%

STUDENT DEMOGRAPHICS

346 STUDENTS GRADES IN GRADES 7-12
64 SENIORS

- 21% African-American • 8% Hispanic
 - 13% Asian • 14% Multiracial
 - 45% Caucasian
- 17% qualify for free or reduced lunch
16% Boarding students

STANDARDIZED TESTING

**For the Class of 2025 through September 2024,
Middle 50% Composite Scores**

	ASFA	State	Natl.
ACT.....21–32	Mean: 26.2	18	19.5
SAT	Mean: 673	592	520
ERW.....620-740	673	592	520
Math.....650-770	702	570	508
Composite.....1280-1490	1374	1161	1028

Advanced Placement

In 2024, 90 students took 241 AP exams. **77%** scored 3 or better, and **43%** scored 4 or better.

COLLEGE MATRICULATIONS & MERIT SCHOLARSHIPS

Over the past four years, 90% of ASFA graduates won merit scholarships, compared to the national average of 22%. Approximately 95% of ASFA students matriculated to four-year institutions, 2% to two-year colleges, 3% took a gap year, and 2% entered the workforce or military. Following is a representative college list:

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| <p>Agnes Scott College</p> <p>Alabama State University</p> <p>Appalachian State University</p> <p>Auburn University</p> <p>Arizona State University</p> <p>Bard College</p> <p>Barnard College</p> <p>Belmont University</p> <p>Berry College</p> <p>Birmingham-Southern College</p> <p>Boston Conservatory at Berklee</p> <p>Brenau University</p> <p>California Institute of the Arts</p> <p>Carnegie Mellon University</p> <p>Central Saint Martins College of Art & Design</p> <p>Chapman University</p> <p>Colburn Conservatory of Music</p> <p>College of the Atlantic</p> <p>Columbia College (Chicago)</p> <p>Columbia University</p> <p>Columbus College of Art and Design</p> <p>Cornell University</p> <p>Cooper Union for Advancement of Science & Art</p> <p>Eastman School of Music</p> <p>Eckerd College</p> <p>Emerson College</p> <p>Florida Southern College</p> <p>Florida State University</p> <p>Fordham University</p> <p>Gadsden State Community College</p> <p>George Mason University</p> <p>Georgia Institute of Technology</p> <p>Georgia State University</p> <p>Hampshire College</p> | <p>Howard University</p> <p>Huntingdon College</p> <p>Indiana University Bloomington</p> <p>Jacksonville State University</p> <p>Jefferson State Community College</p> <p>Kansas City Art Institute</p> <p>Knox College</p> <p>Lipscomb University</p> <p>Louisiana State University</p> <p>Loyola University Chicago</p> <p>Loyola University New Orleans</p> <p>Manhattan School of Music</p> <p>Marymount Manhattan College</p> <p>Massachusetts Institute of Technology</p> <p>Middle Tennessee State University</p> <p>Miles College</p> <p>Mills College</p> <p>Mississippi State University</p> <p>Morehouse College</p> <p>New York University</p> <p>Northeastern University</p> <p>Northwestern University</p> <p>Oglethorpe University</p> <p>Pace University (New York City)</p> <p>Parsons School of Design</p> <p>Pepperdine University</p> <p>Rice University</p> <p>Rochester Institute of Technology</p> <p>Samford University</p> <p>Savannah College of Art and Design</p> <p>School of the Art Institute of Chicago</p> <p>School of Visual Arts</p> <p>Sewanee: The University of the South</p> <p>Stanford University</p> | <p>Sweet Briar College</p> <p>Stony Brook University</p> <p>Syracuse University</p> <p>Temple University</p> <p>Texas Christian University</p> <p>The Juilliard School</p> <p>The Ohio State University</p> <p>The University of Alabama</p> <p>Trinity University</p> <p>Tuskegee University</p> <p>University of Alabama at Birmingham</p> <p>University of Alabama in Huntsville</p> <p>University of Cincinnati</p> <p>University of Maryland (College Park)</p> <p>University of Massachusetts (Boston)</p> <p>University of Michigan</p> <p>University of Minnesota (Twin Cities)</p> <p>University of Mississippi</p> <p>University of Montevallo</p> <p>University of North Alabama</p> <p>University of North Carolina School of the Arts</p> <p>University of Pennsylvania</p> <p>University of Pittsburgh</p> <p>University of South Alabama</p> <p>University of Southern California</p> <p>University of Wisconsin (Madison)</p> <p>Vanderbilt University</p> <p>Virginia Commonwealth University</p> <p>Wallace State Community College</p> <p>Winthrop University</p> <p>Yale University</p> <p>Xavier University of Louisiana</p> |
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