



FINEARTS at Westminster Academy®

Welcome to the **Fine Arts Department of Westminster Academy®**. Our award-winning department consists of ten teachers with numerous class offerings in music, art, drama and dance. WA students receive an age-appropriate background in music beginning with PK2 and in art beginning in kindergarten. This foundation, along with the dedication of teachers and students alike, fosters students who are selected for local, state and national ensembles and regularly receive the highest ratings at contests. Our upper school music program has been awarded a Music Enrollment Award by the Florida Music

Educators Association for having over 35% of our students involved in music.

Whether you are a beginner or an advanced student, there is a place for each and every student to participate.

Please read through the class offerings, talk with your guidance counselor, meet the teachers and decide where you would like to develop and use your talents.





Philosophy of the Fine Arts at Westminster Academy®

The fine arts have been recognized for centuries as a basic educational discipline. Contemporary research confirms the value of learning skills and developing creativity through the involvement in listening, moving, singing, playing, creating and participating in the arts. As a school that integrates biblical truth into the curriculum, we recognize that the Scriptures present the fine arts as an integral part of our total development and worship of God.

The Fine Arts Department strives to instill within each student an appreciation of these disciplines as a gift from God to be used for His glory.

The Band Program

Under the direction of Mr. Jeff Carroll, the WA band program begins in the 6th grade and continues through the 12th grade, with classes at every performance level. Each year the band maintains an active schedule of performances ranging from church and community concerts to international concert tours. Past highlights include tours to Honduras, Mexico, Ecuador and throughout the U.S., as well as performances at Florida theme parks.

The Chorus Program

The WA chorus program begins in PK2 with general music and chorus class instructed by Mrs. Ginger Loomis. Under the direction of Mrs. Lisa Wilson and Mrs. Jane Turner, the upper school chorus program provides vocal instruction from 6th through 12th grade. The various levels of chorus available are by audition and each level gives vocal students ample opportunity to develop and use their God-given talents in performance and worship. Past highlights include performance tours to Italy, Germany, and the prestigious Carnegie Hall in New York City.

The Classical Ballet Program

Under the direction of Mrs. Christye Crevier, WA's classical ballet program is available for students through the 8th grade. Students focus on body alignment, placement, grace and poise. Important life lessons such as discipline, creativity and cooperation are learned. Cross training with classical ballet also enhances athletes in many other sports. Students have the opportunity to perform throughout the school year.

The Drama Program

Under the direction of Mr. Richard Briggs and Mrs. Laura Groves, the WA drama program offers classes beginning in the 10th grade. Drama students cover the basics of acting and mature to play production and scriptwriting. Each year a full-scaled musical is produced and drama students participate in the Fine Arts Madrigal Dinner. There are numerous opportunities for student participation both on stage and behind the scenes.

The Orchestra Program

Under the direction of Mr. David Schwartz, the WA orchestra program offers classes in string instrument instruction that begins in the 4th grade and continues through the 12th grade. This highly awarded program gives our string students the opportunity to learn and develop their skills and use them in worship, community outreach, competition and performance. Past highlights include concert tours to California, Chicago, Philadelphia, Washington, D.C. and Mexico.

The Visual Arts Program

Under the direction of Miss Megan Wackes and Mrs. Peg Madonna, WA's visual arts program begins in kindergarten and continues through the 12th grade. The program offers various levels of art classes, the highest being advanced placement studio art. Art history is also introduced, showing ties between artistic styles and historic events. Students have ample opportunities to display their projects and participate in juried art shows each year.



DEVOTED TO CHRIST
DEDICATED TO EXCELLENCE

“But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive in Christ.” Ephesians 2:4-5a

Westminster Academy® is a Christ-centered, biblically-based college preparatory school dedicated to equipping covenant students to excel by using their gifts and talents for God's glory.

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