



The Jackson School for the Arts, established in 2001, is designed for students who have interests in a rigorous academic curriculum as well as a passion for visual/performing arts. Students are offered a variety of course offerings in dance, theatre, instrumental music, visual art, and vocal music. Within the JSA curriculum, students enroll in Advanced Placement, College Credit Plus, and Jackson High School's rigorous course offerings in addition to exploring courses in the arts. Over a four year period, students are exposed to all art disciplines, eventually narrowing their focus in the arts to an area of concentration. Furthermore, JSA seniors complete a 20Time capstone project in an area of their choice. JSA provides special opportunities and experiences that traditional high school programs cannot offer at no or minimal cost to students. Artists-in-residence, seminars, interdisciplinary problem-based learning, university master classes and partnerships, field trips, guest speakers, travel, arts camps, and performances are built into the rigorous curriculum. JSA provides students with community connections, leadership opportunities, and educationally based international travel opportunities.

Four Year Course Requirements for JSA

General education options are fulfilled among these requirements

Freshman	Sophomore	Junior	Senior
JSA English 9 JSA World History Band and/or Chorus Choose two of following options: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Ensemble Theatre (Semester Course) ● Visual Art Choice* (Semester Course) ● Dance 1 (Semester Course) *Only one semester of visual art may be taken.	JSA English 10 or JSA Accelerated English 10 JSA American History or Academy AP American History <u>Two</u> credits from the Visual or Performing Arts (Art, Dance, Music or Theatre)	Junior Seminar <u>Two</u> credits from the Visual or Performing Arts (Art, Dance, Music or Theatre)	Senior 20Time Capstone & Ignite Ted Talk <u>One</u> credit of upper level Visual or Performing Arts (Art, Dance, Music or Theatre)

*All JSA students must meet the Physical Education, Health and Personal Finance graduation requirements.
It is suggested that all JSA students take at least 2 credits of World Language.*

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COURSE OFFERINGS

• Dance Courses

- Dance 1
- Dance 2
- Dance 3
- Advanced Dance
- Musical Theatre Movement

• Instrumental Music Courses

- Freshman Band
- Band (Purple, Gold & Symphony)
- Advanced Music & Composition
- The Understanding of Music
- Music As A World Phenomenon

• Theatre Courses

- Freshman Ensemble Theatre
- Audition Technique and Portfolio
- Acting Through Script Analysis
- Performance Workshop
- Theatre Design, Technology & Production

• Visual Art Courses

- Art of Craft
- Ceramics
- Digital Art & Design
- Drawing and Painting
- Jewelry and Metals
- Photography
- Printmaking
- Sculpture
- Portfolio Development
- AP Studio Art

• Vocal Music Courses

- Freshman Chorus
- Concert Choir
- Chorale



REAL WORLD ART EXPERIENCES & TRAVEL

JSA students have the opportunity to experience world culture. This year, they have traveled to attend performances of Romeo & Juliet, Hamilton, and Hadestown at Playhouse Square. Students have participated in master classes in all arts disciplines, including Broadway workshops led by active performers. Trips have included visits to museums in Cleveland, Pittsburgh, Akron, Columbus, and Canton, studying at Kent State University, and touring the Abercrombie & Fitch design headquarters in Columbus.

PARTNERSHIPS & SERVICE LEARNING

JSA is enhanced by partnerships and collaboration with artists in residence and art organizations, as well as the Universities of Akron and Mount Union. These partnerships allow students to explore relationships between academics, the arts, and the community. JSA students complete 80 service hours, serving organizations including Akron Children's Hospital, Adopt A Family, St. Baldrick's, Trick-or-Treat so Kids Can Eat, and the Humane Society, as well as working with Jackson Township's Historical Society to create an interactive field trip experience at the one-room schoolhouse for third-grade students.

STUDENT MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS

Student arts organizations at Jackson High School include the Tri-M Music Honor Society, National Art Honor Society, Dance Honor Society, and International Thespian Society. Students also are members of National Honor Society, Spanish, French, and Chinese Honor Society, and many more. JSA extracurriculars include drama club, fall musical and spring play, art club, Steel, Jazz, Pep, and Marching Bands, Men's and Women's Chorus, Edge Dance Company, and Jacks-and-Jills.

THE MERAKI GALLERY

The Meraki Gallery is a student-run art gallery developed by JSA at Jackson High School. Students from Jackson School for the Arts are responsible for all administrative and artistic roles including directors, curators, installers, and marketers.

JSA LEADERSHIP TEAM

The Leadership Team is a group of dedicated students who work closely with the JSA teaching team to be role models to their peers, plan JSA events, and provide an online presence to the community. The Leaders advocate for students involved in all aspects of the arts by giving them a voice.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT JSA



Can you take Advanced Placement (AP) and College Credit Plus (CCP) courses while taking JSA courses?

Yes, and in addition, you may be involved in Career Tech programs. JSA encourages our high-achieving students to take AP and CCP classes that will challenge them.

What arts courses are required as Freshmen?

Freshmen are required to take Band and/or Choir and then select two of the three other arts areas (Dance, Theatre or Visual Art).

Is there a fee for JSA?

There is no fee! JSA is funded by JLS and our generous patrons, as well as through annual fundraisers: JSA Winner, Winner Chicken Dinner, the All-District Arts Extravaganza, and summer camps.

Can I do JSA and sports?

YES! JSA students participate in Jackson and club sports.

Does JSA provide travel opportunities?

Our JSA juniors and seniors take a trip to Europe every other year. This year we are traveling to Venice, Florence, and Rome. Our last trip was to Salzburg, Vienna, Budapest, and Prague. Next year band will travel to Hawaii and choir will travel to NYC.

Should I do JSA if I don't plan on pursuing the arts after high school?

JSA students possess the skills necessary to succeed in any professional field. JSA students have unique, creative, problem-solving skills that make them marketable in a competitive environment. JSA teaches creative thinking, time management, leadership, and the importance of teamwork.

"Choosing to apply to JSA was one of the best decisions I made in high school; it allowed me to pursue my passion for art while giving me a space to explore my love of science. JSA brought me into a group of students where I was able to make friendships that lasted throughout high school, and even beyond graduation. Though I did not opt to go into an artistic discipline, the unique experiences I had and lessons I learned have no doubt positively influenced me to this day as I work towards my Ph.D. in Soil Science."

Julia Janson, North Carolina State University

"I have pursued a career in finance but the education I received through the JSA program taught me hard work, dedication & commitment."

Ashley Fleiner, University of Tennessee





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"I enjoyed being in a safe, creative environment exploring my interests in a variety of arts while still participating in football & track."
DJ Harris, JSA 2021



"I had a great opportunity to serve my community through JSA at the Historical Society."
Ben Clarke, JSA 2023



"I love the JSA energy and environment. JSA is a family, always encouraging you to do what you love."
Ken Satterfield, JSA 2023

"Being a student director and working on the musicals and plays has been an incredible experience. It has taught me so much about leadership."
Olivia Richardson, JSA 2023



"JSA has made such an impact on my life. I wish that type of experience for everyone."
Sophia Bader, JSA 2023

"I am directing *Lucidity: A New Musical*, which I wrote with Aaron Soltis (JSA '21). The educational opportunities in JSA allowed me to develop skills that lead to future success."
Devin Landis, JSA 2020



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HOW TO APPLY:

Find and complete the application on our website:
<https://www.jsajackson.org/apply>



Applications are due February 3rd
Interviews will be scheduled for February 8th
Acceptance letters sent via E-mail by February 10th



Join us on February 18th for the
JSA All District Arts Extravaganza
& Introduction of the Class of 2027!

CLASS OF 2027: YOUR STORY STARTS HERE!