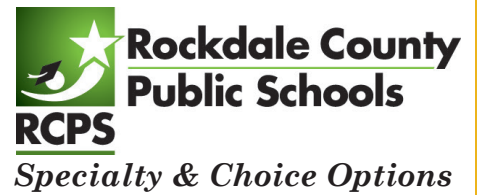




Academy for Performing and Visual Arts at Davis Middle School



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Program Overview

General Ray Davis Middle School, in support of the Rockdale County Public Schools vision to offer expanded learning options, offers a rigorous fine arts program specifically targeting the performing and visual arts. The goal of the Academy for Performing and Visual Arts is to explore and develop artistic talents within young students by making the arts part of each student's core learning experience.

The program offers:

- Discrete arts instruction in **dance, theater arts, vocals, band, strings, keyboard, photography, video** and **visual arts**;
- Integration of arts across other content areas: math, science, language arts, social studies.

Academy classes prepare students for the next level of performing and/or visual arts education while maintaining high academic achievement.



Application, Eligibility, and Artistic Review

RCPS will use an electronic application process for 2017-18 School Choice programs. **No paper applications will be accepted.** Students may apply for one School Choice program only for the 2017-18 school year.

The application window is November 28 - December 16, 2016. The online application will be available on the district website at: rockdaleschools.org

The Student Registration Office at 1143 West Avenue will provide assistance to access the online application if needed, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m., on a first come, first served basis. Only complete applications will be accepted.

Eligibility Criteria

- Students must meet standards in ELA, Reading, Math, Science, and Social Studies on the Milestones assessment.
- Students must meet the student registration requirement for Rockdale County Public Schools.
- Students and parents must agree to the Choice contract.

Audition/Artistic Review

Please plan to attend the Parent Information session on November 10, 2016 to learn about requirements for audition/artistic review process. Eligible applicants must complete the audition/artistic review process for final selection. The audition/artistic review date is January 21, 2017.

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A Message from the Principal



Our arts academy programs offer our talented fine arts students and teachers a unique opportunity to achieve excellence in education through a passion for the arts. Our faculty and students continue to work hard, and our assessment scores demonstrate the success of hard work. Our test scores continue to lead the district and be at the top in the area. The quality of our established arts programs speaks for itself as students discover and grow their talents and receive state and national recognitions year after year. General Ray Davis Middle School was the first middle school in the state to earn the status of Green Ribbon School. Our student athletes continue to be role models in the classroom and competitive in every sport. We offer many opportunities for academic, artistic, and athletic involvement after school. We encourage all of our students to get involved and show their school pride.

I have worked in Rockdale County Public Schools for over 25 years beginning my teaching career at Conyers Middle School. I had the privilege of growing as a teacher in the district before moving into the front office. I opened General Ray Davis Middle School in 2006 and served as one of the Assistant Principals until being named Principal in 2016. General Ray Davis Middle School is such a special place. We will continue to work hard and enjoy new and greater accomplishments. We all have a choice to either make things happen, watch things happen, or wonder what happened. My hope is that as a community we can be part of the group that makes things happen by working together, putting plans into action, learning from mistakes, and making changes for a better future the Davis Way.

Sincerely,
Randy R. Goerner, Ed S.



Mission Statement

The Mission of General Ray Davis Middle School, an academy dedicated to patriotism, service and integrity, is to inspire, empower, and equip all individuals to recognize and reach their unique potential by:

- Demanding excellence;
- Providing a safe and orderly environment;
- Respecting each person's individuality;
- Celebrating the strength of diversity in our global society;
- Instilling pride in self, school and community;
- Utilizing the talents and gifts of every stakeholder;
- Challenging students to lead socially useful, purposeful lives;
- Encouraging all who enter our halls to take ownership in our mission...The Davis Way!



Recent DMS Accolades

Title I Reward School 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016
(Top 5% in Achievement)

DMS Chorus

Georgia Music Educators Association Exemplary
Performance Award 2012-13

DMS Band

University of Georgia Middle School Band Festival
Participants
District Honor Band Participants
Large Group Performance Evaluation Superior Ratings
Solo and Ensemble Participants Superior Ratings
Southern Star Music Festival Sweepstakes:
Gold, and Silver Recipients, Sweepstakes Winners

DMS Visual Arts

Georgia Art Educators Association Youth Arts Month:
Georgia Flag Design 2014 – Present: Semifinalists
GAEA Capital Art Exhibit 2016, 2015, 2014, 2013, 2012
State School Board Youth Art Gallery Participant
2013-2015 (One of 13 artworks selected in the state)
Georgia School Nutrition Association Design Contest
1st Place State, Middle Grades 2015-2016
Atlantic Institute Art and Essay Contest 2012 - 2016
2nd -10th Place State, 2nd Place Southeast
Jimmy Carter Postcard Design Contest
2010 - 2015 1st - 3rd Place State
Federal Junior Duck Stamp Design Contest
State Finalists, 2016 and 2015
Disney Planet Challenge
2012 and 2011 State Winner, National Finalist (top ten)

Additional Academic Services

Program Challenge Academic Tutorial & Acceleration
Foreign Languages National Junior Honor's Society

Extracurricular Activities

Band	Dance Team	Reading Bowl
Chorus	Football	Math Team
Drama	Basketball	Chess Club
Art	Wrestling	Mentoring Club
Dance	Track	School Council
Softball	Robotics	4-H
Cheerleading		

General Ray Davis - USMC

Our school is named for a great hero and late resident of Rockdale County, Medal of Honor winner General Ray Davis. He earned this medal and many other recognitions for exemplary service to our country. He was one of 94 men — three Georgians — to earn the Medal of Honor in the Korean War. His awards also included the Navy Cross, the nation's second highest decoration for bravery, two Silver Stars, and the Bronze Star with Combat "V" for valor. He became one of the most decorated veterans in U.S. History. We are proud to be named for such a great person!