

A Visual & Performing Arts & Academics

High School and Middle School

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Useful Information for Grant Applications

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General Information

The New School for the Arts & Academics High School is pioneer public charter school established by Ronald Caya in 1995; the Middle School was established in 2003 by Ronald Caya. Our curriculum consists of a college preparatory including AP classes, and a variety of elective courses. Both of these Public Charter Schools are non-profit and serve a diverse community reaching 17 cities in the Phoenix metropolitan area. Our student population consists of a broad range of demographics with approximately 30% of school families qualifying for Title 1 funds (sometimes referred to as free or reduced lunch). The high school, in the past has earned a Dissemination Grant from the Federal Department of Education, a Performing Arts Grant from the city of Scottsdale, Challenge Grant, and Arizona Commissions on the Arts grant, for two years. Currently the Middle School is in its third year of a 3 year Public Charter School grant, also awarded by the Federal Department of Education. Both schools have been awarded grants for community projects and the arts through the Tempe Cultural Center. After our students graduate for our high school they have moved on to colleges such as Julliard Conservatory, Berklee College of Music, Columbia, New York, Princeton, and Rice Universities, among others.

School Mission

The New School for the Arts & Academics High and Middle Schools are Visual and Performing Arts schools offering courses in the core subjects (Math, Writing, Sciences, and Social Sciences) by incorporating art into the classroom. Our curriculum engages students and is aligned with the state standards. Our highly qualified faculty pride themselves on providing a learning environment to cultivate critical thinking and expand our student's creativity in aspects of academia, and art. Our schools prepare students for continuing in education and they gain an appreciation and respect of art. Community and public awareness is also encouraged through our National Honor Societies and our Student Council programs, teaching leadership and civic responsibility. Our school partnerships with the communities by offering outreach programs such as after school science, art and drama classes.