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California School of the Arts – San Gabriel Valley (CSArts-SGV) shares its mission with its founding campus, the award-winning Orange County School of the Arts (OCSA). CSArts-SGV provides an unparalleled arts and academic education in a creative, challenging, and nurturing environment to a diverse student body passionate about the arts, preparing them to reach their highest potential.

CSArts-SGV opened in August 2017 and currently serves approximately 1,350 students in grades 6-12. In an exciting community partnership, students in grades 6-8 receive their academic instruction through the Duarte Unified School District (DUSD) and their arts classes through the CSArts-SGV conservatory program. Beginning in grade 9, students attend classes full-time on the CSArts-SGV campus.

The school's unique culture and innovative curriculum allow its students to grow and thrive in the arts and academics as artist-scholars. Small student/teacher ratios in classes allow for personalized attention to students. In addition to their arts and academic classes, students receive opportunities to participate in master classes, guest artist presentations, field trips, and performances, as well as a variety of campus clubs and activities.

ACCREDITATIONS

- Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC)

AWARDS

- Recognized ASCA Model Program (American School Counselor Association, 2025-2030)
- Exemplary School (Arts Schools Network, 2024-2029)
- California Distinguished School (California Department of Education, 2026-2028)
- #1 Best Charter High School in California (Niche, 2026)
- Readers' Choice Awards for Best/Favorite School in the San Gabriel Valley (*Pasadena Star-News*, *San Gabriel Valley Tribune*, and *Whittier Daily News*, 2018-2019, 2023-2026)
- Best High Schools in America (U.S. News & World Report, 2022-2026)
- Exceptional Charter School in Special Education (National Association of Special Education Teachers, 2020-2026)
- California Exemplary Arts Education Award (California Department of Education, 2021)

UNIQUE CURRICULUM

- Standards-based grading across classrooms
- Strong Early College Program through partnership with Citrus College
- Robust Career and Technical Education (CTE) pathways through Arts, Media, and Entertainment; Communication Technologies Software and Systems Development; and Health Science and Medical Technology
- Digital classrooms through use of Chromebooks and Google Classroom
- Teaching Proficiency through Reading and Storytelling (TPRS) World Language Program with emphasis on Comprehensible Input (CI)
- Multiple AP and Honors class options
- Unique electives such as Taekwondo, Ceramics, and various dance classes

FACULTY

- Academic and arts faculty members are fully credentialed and highly qualified
- Majority of 200 arts and academic teachers hold advanced degrees
- Guest artists and industry leaders share expertise and creativity with students through lectures, presentations, and hands-on training

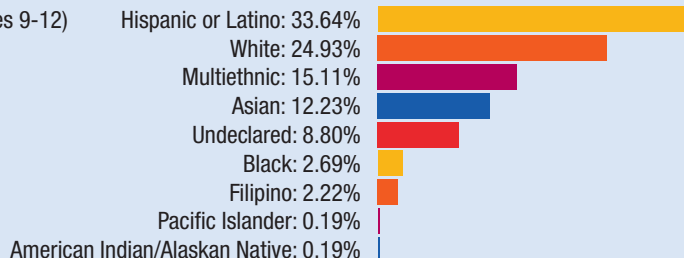
DONATION DEPENDENT

- CSArts-SGV is a donation-dependent public charter school
- No student is offered or denied admission based on financial capacity

ENROLLMENT

1,079 High School Students (Grades 9-12)
Male: 322
Female: 720
Other Gender: 37
Seniors: 248
Juniors: 260
Sophomores: 284
Freshmen: 287

ETHNICITY/DEMOGRAPHICS



CURRICULUM

- The **academic program** at CSArts-SGV is organized on an alternating block schedule. Students take three 90-minute classes daily, and each class block meets every other day.
- The **arts conservatory program** consists of either one or two 60-minute classes, four days a week. Middle school students attend one block each day (except for Thursdays, on which they have a double block), while high school students attend two blocks each day. These pre-professional arts courses vary in content, day, and block based on conservatory.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Course	Length	Credits
Literature, Language, and Composition	8 Semesters	40
Mathematics	4 Semesters	20
Life Science	2 Semesters	10
Physical Science	2 Semesters	10
Early World/Health	2 Semesters	10
World History	2 Semesters	10
United States History	2 Semesters	10
Government	1 Semester	5
Economics	1 Semester	5
World Language	4 Semesters	20
Fine Arts	2 Semesters	10
Physical Education	4 Semesters	20
Required Course Credits		170
Electives		70
Total Credits Required to Graduate		240

Conservatory courses are required each year of all students in grades 9-12 from one of the following conservatories: Acting, Ballet & Contemporary Dance, Commercial Dance, Creative Writing, Instrumental Music, Integrated Arts, Musical Theatre, Popular Music, Production & Design, Visual Arts, or Vocal Arts.

GPA AND GRADE SCALE

CSArts-SGV utilizes a four-point scale to calculate students' grade point averages, but does not rank students by GPA.

Grade Scale:

- A = 4.0
- B = 3.0
- C = 2.0
- D = 1.0

Advanced Placement/Honors courses (+) are weighted with an additional value of 1 point for each course semester.

Class Rank: Per school policy, students are NOT RANKED.

Average Academic GPA for Graduating Seniors: 3.96

TESTING INFORMATION

CAASPP Testing Data

	ELA		Math		Science	
	CSArts-SGV	State	CSArts-SGV	State	CSArts-SGV	State
2021	79%	49%	47%	34%	55%	31%
2022	84%	47%	46%	33%	56%	29%
2023	87%	47%	46%	35%	n/a*	30%
2024	88%	56%	40%	28%	56%	31%
2025	87%	57%	50%	30%	65%	33%
*No grade levels were tested because grades 10-12 were tested the previous year. Juniors are now tested in this subject area each year.						

Advanced Placement Exams

- May 2026, 312 students took AP exams
- A total of 559 exams were taken in 21 AP subjects
- The percentage of students with passing scores (3+) was 92%

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

- 2020 National Merit Semifinalist
- 2021 National Merit Semifinalist
- 2021 National Merit Finalist
- 2025 National Merit Winner

Advanced Placement Awards	2023	2024	2025	2026
Scholar with Distinction	16	17	27	36
Scholar with Honors	5	23	25	39
Scholar	43	41	40	48

EXTRACURRICULAR OPPORTUNITIES

- Student Body Leadership
 - National Honor Society
 - California Scholarship Federation
- Hip-Hop 4 Dance Team
 - Yearbook
 - ESPORTS
- More than 80 student-led clubs and organizations

ADVANCED PLACEMENT CLASSES

- AP 2D Art and Design (+)
- AP African American Studies (+)
- AP Art History (+)
- AP Biology (+)
- AP Calculus AB (+)
- AP Calculus BC (+)
- AP Chemistry (+)
- AP Computer Science A (+)
- AP Computer Science Principles (+)
- AP Economics (+)
- AP English Language and Composition (+)
- AP English Literature and Composition (+)
- AP Environmental Science (+)
- AP Government (+)
- AP Mandarin Language (+)
- AP Physics (+)
- AP Psychology (+)
- AP Spanish Language (+)
- AP Statistics (+)
- AP United States History (+)
- AP World History (+)

HONORS CLASSES

- Biology Honors (Option for all freshmen) (+)
- Biology: Medical Track Honors (+)
- Chemistry Honors (+)
- Economics (Macro) Honors (+)
- Literature, Language, and Composition 1 Honors (+)
- Literature, Language, and Composition 2 Honors (+)
- Literature, Language, and Composition 3 Honors (+)
- Literature, Language, and Composition 4 Honors (+)
- Mandarin 3 Honors (+)
- Mandarin 4 Honors (+)
- Precalculus Honors (+)
- Spanish 2 Accelerated
- Spanish 3 Honors (+)
- Spanish 4 Honors (+)

EARLY COLLEGE CLASSES

- Acting
 - Introduction to Theatre Arts
 - Stage Acting I
- Creative Writing
 - Theatre Appreciation
- Instrumental Music
 - Competitive Collegiate Wind Band
 - Instrumental Master Class
 - Jazz Ensemble IV
 - Songwriting III
 - Studio Orchestra III
- Musical Theatre
 - Introduction to Theatre Arts
 - Music Fundamentals
 - Musical Theatre Techniques I
 - Professional Performance Techniques
- Popular Music
 - History of Rock and Roll
 - Songwriting I
 - Songwriting II
- Production & Design
 - Introduction to Theatre Arts
- Visual Arts
 - Animation I
 - Art Portfolio and Resume Production
 - Beginning Ceramics
 - Beginning Painting
 - Digital Media Productions I
 - Three-Dimensional Design
- Vocal Arts
 - Concert Choir I
 - Concert Choir II
 - Concert Choir III
 - Concert Choir IV
 - Vocal Arts Ensemble I
 - Vocal Arts Techniques I

COLLEGE PREPARATORY (CP) COURSE OFFERINGS BY SUBJECT AREA

Courses indicated with an asterisk (*) receive an extra point in the grade point average calculation.

ENGLISH

- ☐ AP English Language and Composition*
- ☐ AP English Literature and Composition*
- ☐ Lit/Lang/Comp 1
- ☐ Lit/Lang/Comp 2
- ☐ Lit/Lang/Comp 3
- ☐ Lit/Lang/Comp 4
- ☐ Lit/Lang/Comp 1 Honors*
- ☐ Lit/Lang/Comp 2 Honors*
- ☐ Lit/Lang/Comp 3 Honors*
- ☐ Lit/Lang/Comp 4 Honors*

SCIENCE

- ☐ Anatomy/Physiology
- ☐ AP Biology*
- ☐ AP Chemistry*
- ☐ AP Computer Science A*
- ☐ AP Computer Science Principles*
- ☐ AP Environmental Science*
- ☐ AP Physics*
- ☐ Biology
- ☐ Biology Honors*
- ☐ Biology: Medical Track
- ☐ Biology: Medical Track Honors*
- ☐ Chemistry
- ☐ Chemistry Honors*
- ☐ Earth and Space
- ☐ Intro Computer Science
- ☐ Physics

MATHEMATICS

- ☐ Algebra 1 (discontinued: 2024-2025)
- ☐ Algebra 2
- ☐ AP Calculus AB*
- ☐ AP Calculus BC*
- ☐ AP Precalculus (2023-2024)*
- ☐ AP Statistics*
- ☐ Geometry (discontinued: 2025-2026)
- ☐ Integrated Math 1 (established: 2025-2026)
- ☐ Integrated Math 2 (established: 2026-2027)
- ☐ Mathematical Modeling
- ☐ Precalculus Honors*
- ☐ Statistics

SOCIAL SCIENCE

- ☐ AP African American Studies*
- ☐ AP Economics*
- ☐ AP Government*
- ☐ AP United States History*
- ☐ AP World History*
- ☐ Early World History (2020-2024)
- ☐ Economics (Macro)
- ☐ Economics (Macro) Honors*
- ☐ Ethnic Studies
- ☐ Government
- ☐ United States History
- ☐ United States History Honors (2022)*
- ☐ World History

WORLD LANGUAGES

- ☐ AP Mandarin Language*
- ☐ AP Spanish Language*
- ☐ Mandarin 1
- ☐ Mandarin 2
- ☐ Mandarin 3
- ☐ Mandarin 3 Honors*
- ☐ Mandarin 4 Honors*
- ☐ Spanish 1
- ☐ Spanish 2
- ☐ Spanish 3
- ☐ Spanish 2 Honors
- ☐ Spanish 3 Honors*
- ☐ Spanish 4 Honors*

VISUAL AND PERFORMING ARTS (CONTINUED)

- ☐ Musical Theatre Dance
- ☐ Piano
- ☐ Show Choir
- ☐ Stage Combat
- ☐ Tap Dance
- ☐ Yearbook

ELECTIVES

- ☐ AP Psychology*
- ☐ Leadership
- ☐ Personal Finance (established: 2024)

VISUAL AND PERFORMING ARTS

- ☐ Advanced Ceramics
- ☐ Advanced Drawing and Painting
- ☐ AP 2D Art and Design*
- ☐ AP Art History*
- ☐ Art History
- ☐ Ballet Dance
- ☐ Ceramics
- ☐ Cinematic Arts 1
- ☐ Digital Art
- ☐ Digital Photography
- ☐ Drawing and Painting
- ☐ Hip-Hop Dance

Full participation in conservatory courses is required each year of all students in grades 9-12 from one of the following conservatories:

SCHOOL	CONSERVATORY	HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS ENROLLED
School of Dance	Ballet & Contemporary Dance Commercial Dance	17 52
School of Fine & Media Arts	Creative Writing Integrated Arts Visual Arts	102 161 262
School of Music	Instrumental Music Guitar Program Pianist Program Strings & Orchestra Program Wind & Jazz Studies Program Popular Music Vocal Arts	24 13 24 33 79 28
School of Theatre	Acting Musical Theatre Production & Design	67 117 100

MATRICULATION

One-hundred percent (100%) of CSArts-SGV's graduating **Class of 2026** was accepted into institutions of higher education. Additionally, 70% are attending a four-year college program, 28% are attending a two-year college or conservatory program, and 2% are going directly into the workplace or taking a gap year.

CSArts-SGV students apply to and enroll at schools that reflect each student's individual interests and strengths. The following post-secondary campus acceptances and matriculation (in parenthesis) data was reported by the **Class of 2026**.

Aberystwyth University	1	Hofstra University	3	San Francisco Conservatory of Music	3 (1)
American Musical and Dramatic Academy	2	Hope College	1 (1)	San Francisco State University	15 (1)
Arizona State University, Tempe	5 (1)	Howard University	1	San Jose State University	13 (1)
Art Center College of Design	10 (4)	IE University, Madrid	1	Santa Barbara City College	1 (1)
Azusa Pacific University	2	Illinois Institute of Technology	1	Santa Clara University	2
Babson College	1	Indiana University, Bloomington	6 (1)	Sarah Lawrence College	6
Bates College	1	Iona University	1	Savannah College of Art and Design	4
Belmont University	3	Ithaca College	2	School of the Art Institute of Chicago	3
Berklee College of Music	4 (2)	Jacobs School of Music	1	School of Visual Arts	2
Biola University	1 (1)	James Madison University	2	Scripps College	3 (1)
Boston University	4	Johns Hopkins University	1 (1)	Seattle University	2
Bowdoin College	1 (1)	Kean University	1	Shenandoah University	1
Bowling Green State University	1	Laguna College of Art & Design	2	Skidmore College	1 (1)
Brandeis University	1	Langara College	1	Smith College	1
British and Irish Modern Music Institute	1 (1)	Lasell University	1	Southern California Institute of Architecture	2
Bryn Mawr College	2 (1)	Lewis & Clark College	3	Southern Utah University	1
Butler University	2	Liberty University	1	Stanford University	1 (1)
California Baptist University	3 (2)	LIM College	1 (1)	State University of New York, College of	1
California College of the Arts	2	Long Island University, Post	1	Environmental Science and Forestry	
California Institute of the Arts	5 (2)	Los Angeles College of Music	1	State University of New York, Fredonia	1
California Lutheran University	3	Los Angeles Trade Technical College	1 (1)	State University of New York, Purchase College	1
California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo	15 (3)	Loyola Marymount University	14 (5)	State University of New York, Stony	2
California State Polytechnic University, Humboldt	15	Loyola University, Chicago	3	Brook University	
California State Polytechnic University, Pomona	44 (10)	Loyola University, Maryland	1	Stephens College	2
California State University, Bakersfield	1	Loyola University, New Orleans	2	Suffolk University	1 (1)
California State University, Chico	8	Macalester College	1	Swarthmore College	1 (1)
California State University, Dominguez Hills	2	Manhattan School of Music	1	Syracuse University	10 (2)
California State University, Fullerton	52 (8)	Manhattan University	1	Temple University	3
California State University, Long Beach	46 (7)	Mannes College The New School for Music	2	Temple University, Japan	1
California State University, Los Angeles	30 (4)	Marymount Manhattan College	2	Texas Christian University	1
California State University, Monterey Bay	6 (2)	Massachusetts College of Art and Design	1	Texas State University	1
California State University, Northridge	33 (3)	McGill University	2	The New School	18 (1)
California State University, Sacramento	3	Michigan State University	1	The Oberlin Conservatory of Music	1
California State University, San Bernardino	3	Middlebury College	1	The Ohio State University at Columbus	1
California State University, San Marcos	3	Montana Technological University	1	The University of Arizona	3
California State University, Channel Islands	1	Montclair State University	1	The University of British Columbia	1
Carnegie Mellon University	1	Mount Holyoke College	1	The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill	1
Case Western Reserve University	2	Mount Saint Mary's University	6 (1)	The University of Tampa	1
Chapman University	14 (2)	Mt. San Antonio College	3 (3)	The University of Texas at Dallas	2
Charles R. Drew University of Medicine and Science	1	Muhlenberg College	1	The University of Utah	7
Chicago State University	1	Nebraska Wesleyan University	1 (1)	Thiel College	1
Citrus College	20 (15)	New York Institute of Technology	1	Tufts University	1 (1)
Clark University	1	New York University	2 (1)	Tulane University	3 (2)
College of Marin	1 (1)	North Park University	1	Universitat Hamburg	1 (1)
College of the Canyons	1 (1)	Northeastern University	8	University College Dublin	1 (1)
Colorado College	1	Northern Arizona University	1 (1)	University of Aberdeen	1
Colorado State University	2	Oberlin College	1	University of Alaska Fairbanks	1
Columbia College Chicago	1	Occidental College	10 (3)	University of California, Berkeley	10 (4)
Columbia University	1 (1)	Oregon Institute of Technology	1	University of California, Davis	21 (2)
Concordia University	1 (1)	Oregon State University	4	University of California, Irvine	10 (4)
Concordia University, Irvine	1	Otis College of Art and Design	9 (4)	University of California, Los Angeles	16 (8)
Connecticut College	3	Pace University	7 (2)	University of California, Merced	18 (2)
Cornell University	2 (1)	Pacific Northwest College of Art	1	University of California, Riverside	32 (1)
CUNY John Jay College of Criminal Justice	2 (1)	Palm Beach Atlantic University	1	University of California, San Diego	17 (4)
Daemen University	1	Pasadena City College	45 (40)	University of California, Santa Barbara	22 (6)
DePaul University	3	Penn State University Park	4	University of California, Santa Cruz	46 (4)
Dickinson College	1	Pepperdine University	9	University of Chicago	1
Drew University	2	Point Loma Nazarene University	1	University of Cincinnati	1
Drexel University	1	Point Park University	3	University of Colorado, Boulder	6 (1)
Duke Kunshan University	1	Pomona College	1	University of Colorado, Colorado Springs	1
Eastman School of Music of the University of Rochester	1	Portland State University	2		
Elms College	1	Pratt Institute	3 (1)		
Emerson College	1	Purdue University	1		
Emmanuel College	1	Randolph College	1		
Emory University	1 (1)	Reed College	2		
Erasmus University College	1	Regis University	1		
Fashion Institute of Technology	4 (1)	Rhode Island School of Design	1		
Fisher College	1	Ringling College of Art and Design	1		
Five Towns College	1	Rivier University	1		
Fordham University	6	Rochester Institute of Technology	2 (1)		
Fullerton College	2 (1)	Roosevelt University	1		
Gettysburg College	1	Rutgers University, Camden	1		
Gnomon School of Visual Effects	1 (1)	Rutgers University, New Brunswick	2		
Goldsmiths University of London	1	Rutgers University, Newark	1		
Gonzaga University	1	Sacramento City College	1		
Hampshire College	2	Saint Louis University, Madrid Campus	1		
Harvey Mudd College	1	Saint Mary's College of California	2		
Hawaii Pacific University	3 (1)	Saint Mary's University of Minnesota	1		
Hobart and William Smith Colleges	1	San Diego State University	27 (3)		