

# 2017-2018 School Profile and Special Programs



## John S. Davidson Fine Arts Magnet School

615 Twelfth Street  
Augusta, GA 30901

<http://www.rcboe.org/davidson>

706-823-6924  
FAX: 706-823-4373

*DFA's mission statement:  
Excellence in Education Achieved Through a Rigorous Curriculum  
Infused with a Passion for the Fine Arts.*

### Quick Reference

Grades: 6-12  
Principal: Dr. Renee Kelly  
[kellyre@boe.richmond.k12.ga.us](mailto:kellyre@boe.richmond.k12.ga.us)  
School Hours: 8:00 - 3:10  
Enrollment: 808  
Area Asst. Superintendent: Dr. Malinda Cobb  
Superintendent: Dr. Angela Pringle

### Quality Points

#### Regular Classes

A = 4.0  
B = 3.0  
C = 2.0  
D = 1.0  
F = 0

#### AP & IB Classes

A = 5.0  
B = 4.0  
C = 3.0  
D = 2.0  
F = 0

### Grading System

A (90-100)  
B (89-80)  
C (79-75)  
D (74-70)  
F (below 70)

### Graduation Requirements

4 ELA  
4 Mathematics  
4 Science  
3 Social Studies  
1 Health/PE  
3 CTAE/Fine Arts/Foreign  
Language/JROTC  
4 Electives  
23 Total Units

97.77

Avg. Daily Attendance

100

Graduation Rate



# 2017-2018 School Profile and Special Programs

## School and Community

Established in 1981, Davidson Fine Arts is a public magnet school in the Richmond County School System (RCSS) serving over 800 students in grades 6-12. Students are admitted on selective criteria based upon prior school record, good character, and an audition in five fine arts areas (music, dance, drama, art, and creative writing). Those attending Davidson are expected to explore all fine arts areas, but they may specialize in one or more fields during their high school years. Courses are tracked from introductory/exploratory to advanced levels in each area. Davidson is located in Augusta, GA which is the second largest and oldest city in Georgia. Augusta is best known as the Garden City and home of the Masters Golf Tournament. RCSS operates 58 schools and serves over 30,000 students. RCSS has an International Baccalaureate Program, top-rated magnet schools and programs, specialized curricula such as STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics), Arts Infusion, and Technology rich classrooms.

## Class Rank and Grade Point Average

An official class rank is compiled for each grade that is computed at the end of the year. Averages are carried out to three decimal places and final averages are not rounded. Grades for the class of 2016 and 2017 are unweighted. Student's grade point average (GPA) will be based on quality points beginning with the graduating class of 2018. Regular high school courses will be on a 4.0 scale and AP, IB and college/university courses on a 5.0 scale awarded for each grade earned. High school student transcripts include the GPA, class rank and numerical average.

## General Information

Davidson Fine Arts Magnet School is a National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence, a Magnet School of Excellence, and a Grammy Signature School. This vibrant downtown fine arts school, filled with young singers, artists, dancers and musicians, also garners SAT and other standardized test scores that consistently outpace state and national averages. Davidson espouses the philosophy that, just as in the arts, academics require daily practice and fervent attention to detail. Our school's seamless integration of the fine arts and academic studies has won Davidson a ranking amongst the top five high schools in Georgia and the top 100 high schools in the nation. The school offers a rigorous college preparatory curriculum that provides students with the opportunity to achieve in all disciplines.

## Special Programs

Davidson Fine Arts Magnet School has courses designated as Advanced Placement, Honors/Advanced, or College Preparatory. All academic courses are taught at the Honors level and include Biology, Calculus, Chemistry, Drawing, English Language Arts and Composition, English Literature and Composition, Government, Macro-Economics, Micro-Economics, Music Theory, Spanish, Statistics, Studio Art 2D and 3D, US History, World History, Audio Video Technology & Film, Graphic Design, Choral, Band, Drama, Art, Orchestra, Dance, Jazz Band, Spanish, and Latin.

Advanced Placement courses are offered in the following subjects: English, Science, Math, Social Studies, Music and Art. All juniors and seniors take AP English. Students can also take courses through the Georgia Virtual School Program and Move on When Ready Program (dual enrollment).



## 2017-2018 School Profile and Special Programs

### AP Honors, Awards & Recognitions

- AP Challenge School
- AP Access and Support School
- AP Merit School
- AP Humanities School
- US DOE NCLB Blue Ribbon School – 2004 & 2015
- Magnet School of America 2016 School of Distinction
- Ranked 43rd Best Public School in US by bestschools.org in 2013
- Ranked #1 High School in GA (10 awards)
- US News & World Report Top 100 Schools (8 awards)
- Named National Magnet School of Excellence (5 awards)
- Georgia School of Excellence Platinum Award (6 awards)

### College and Career Ready Performance Index (CCRPI)

College and Career Ready Performance Index (CCRPI) is Georgia's statewide accountability system. The CCRPI assesses how well students are prepared for college and careers and ensures that schools are focused on improving achievement among all students. The index measures progress on indicators such as content mastery, student attendance, and preparation for the next school level. Schools earn CCRPI points based on indicators that vary by grade and school level and align with measures of college and career readiness. Schools may earn up to a set number of points in three main categories, for a total of 100 possible points.

