

VSA Arts
 Reception: August 28, 2010 11:00 a.m.

Transitions: Works from Middle Schools of the Arts
 Reception: Oct. 9, 2010 11:00 a.m.

Art Out Loud: Middle Schools Exhibition
 Reception: Dec. 4, 2010 11:00 a.m.

Harrison Visual Arts Senior Exhibition
 Reception: January 21, 2011 6:00 p.m.

Polk County Kids Tag Art
 Reception: February 5, 2011
 (two receptions 10:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.)

Creative Youth: 12th Congressional District Competition
 Reception: March 5, 2011 11:00 a.m.

Free to be Me: 3-5 Elementary Exhibition
 Receptions: April 30, 2011
 (two receptions 10:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.)

Visual Arts Elementary Showcase
 May 6, 2011
 Branscomb Auditorium 5:00 p.m.

Learning to be Me: K-2 Elementary Exhibition
 Reception: May 21, 2011

All County Chorus
 Nov. 16 Concert- FSC, Branscomb Auditorium 7:30 PM

All County Orchestra
 Feb. 18 Concert- FSC, Branscomb Auditorium 7:30 PM

All County Band
 March 8 Concert- FSC, Branscomb Auditorium 7:30 PM

All County Guitar
 March 25 Lake Region HS 6:00 PM

Fine Arts Festival
 April 9, 2011 Lake Mirror Amphitheatre 9:00 am to 8:00 pm

All County Dance
 April 30, 2011 Davenport SOTA 7:30 PM

Elementary Showcase
 May 6 Concert- FSC, Branscomb Auditorium 7:00 PM

Choral MPA
 S/E- Feb. 4-5/ HS Concert MPA

Orchestra MPA
 March 10/ MS Concert MPA-April 7

Band MPA
 S/E- Nov. 13/ Concert MPA Feb. 25-26

Marching Nov. 6 / Jazz/S/E- Feb. 10-12/ HS Concert
 MPA March 4-5 / MS Concert MPA March 31-April 2

Department of Fine Arts

Arts for Each!

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Lena Eldridge
 Harrison SOTA

January 2011

State of the Arts Report 2011

The Department of Fine Arts—Creativity is our forte!



1st grader from Lincoln Academy in Lakeland!

Throughout Polk County's public schools, students are actively engaged in and enjoying the Arts! *The mission of the Department of Fine Arts is to ensure that all of our students have equitable access to a high quality, fine arts education.* This report provides you with an update of arts education in our schools. **READ ON!**

Curriculum Maps

The Department of Fine Arts has worked with teachers over the past three years to create curriculum maps in Visual Arts, Music, and Drama. Implementation includes specific training for fine arts teachers as well as regular review and updates to the maps. We invite you to view the maps at

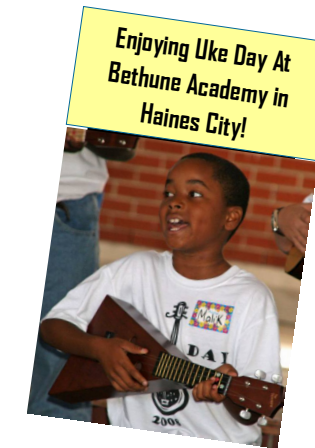
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Teaching Positions

Polk County is proud of the commitment to provide Certified, and Highly Qualified fine arts teachers for our students. EVERY elementary school has a full-time certified visual arts and music teacher. Furthermore, with the addition of two new itinerant string teachers, violin instruction is provided in

96% of our elementary schools. Our high schools provide a variety of visual arts, music, drama and dance courses. We currently have **131** visual arts teachers, **174** music teachers, **24** drama teachers and **12** dance teachers in Polk County Public Schools.

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Enjoying Uke Day At Bethune Academy in Haines City!

Department of Fine Arts

Special points of interest:

- > Enrollment in AP Art courses has increased 51% since 2008 (441 students enrolled in 2010).
- > Enrollment in guitar courses has increased by 64% since 2008 (892 students enrolled in 2010).
- > Dance and Drama enrollments have increased 7% since 2008. (See below)
- > The overall secondary fine arts enrollment has increased 7.9% since 2008. (See Below)

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Professional Development

High-quality, relevant professional learning is provided to all fine arts teachers based on a teacher needs assessment. Professional learning for teachers includes special mentoring for new teachers, an online PLC for music teachers and specialized workshops for all disciplines.

Essential Criteria

This district-wide pre & post assessment measures student achievement in vital skills and techniques in all arts areas. Data is used to help teachers to improve their teaching in the classroom. The Department of Fine Arts compiles this data and

uses that information to deliver pertinent professional development.

AP Art and Music

A goal of the Department of Fine Arts is to continue to increase student participation and success in AP Art and Music courses and to place these courses in every high school in our district. Professional development in the form of summer institutes, as well as specialized sessions during the year, aid teachers of these subjects. Next summer, Polk County will sponsor specific AP Art History and AP Music Theory institutes for our teachers.

Student Enrollment

We are delighted that the fine arts continue to see an increase in student enrollment of 7.9 % since the 08-09 school year. The most significant gains have been in two areas that we have specifically targeted. AP Art has shown an increase of 51% and Guitar has had an increase of 64%. We have begun tracking the elective choices of fine arts students from 8th to 9th grade to help find ways to for these students to remain in arts courses. Our goal is to instill the desire to participate in

ARTS FOR LIFE!

Fine Arts Programs—Managed Through the Department of Fine Arts

- ◆ All-County Music events: chorus, band, orchestra, elementary showcase, guitar, dance
- ◆ Fine Arts Festival
- ◆ FSMA dues, assessments and travel for Music Performance Assessments
- ◆ Travel for marching bands
- ◆ Travel for ISD elementary concerts
- ◆ Travel for Polk Museum of Art 5th grade tours
- ◆ Contracted services for visual arts exhibitions
- ◆ Matting and framing of student work for seven district exhibitions
- ◆ Substitutes for visual arts curriculum teams, new teacher training and other professional learning
- ◆ Substitutes for music teachers for All-County events and professional development
- ◆ Purchase of visual art and musical equipment and supplies for schools as needed
- ◆ Piano repair, tuning and replacement
- ◆ Monthly travel expenses for itinerant string teachers
- ◆ Clinicians and other contracted services for all-county events and professional learning in the arts
- ◆ Repairs of visual art equipment and musical instruments

Student Enrollment in the Arts
 (based on the Oct 2010 Count)

Years	08-09	09-10	10-11
Dance	685	775	789
Drama	1,882	1,897	1,971
MS Music	7,353	7,540	7,870
HS Music	3,872	4,065	4,248
MS Visual Arts	6,860	6,812	7,104
HS Visual Arts	4,208	4,314	4,687
Totals	24,860	25,403	26,669

All-County Dance- Ballet class



McLaughlin MS & Fine Arts Academy Drama



Dance and Drama

All-County Dance is in its fourth season. This fine arts- sponsored, teacher-facilitated event brings first class dance educators from outside our school district to work with approximately 100 of our finest dance students. This provides teachers with fresh ideas and strategies

not available elsewhere. This year's event will be held on the new campus of Davenport SOTA.

Drama and Theater Arts programs in Polk continue to gain in student enrollment. Curriculum mapping and reassessment of the Essential Criteria have pro-

vided opportunities to strengthen programs district-wide. This year we will offer a district-wide middle school drama venue. Teachers of drama continue to work with four local theaters in Polk which provide performance venues and resources for our students.

McLaughlin MS & Fine Arts Academy in Lake Wales

McLaughlin Middle School and Fine Arts Academy continues to grow by offering studies in the arts for students in grades 6-8 on the campus of a traditional middle school. Enrollment in the arts classes has increased in the last two years from 80% to 91%

Arts offerings include dance, drama, guitar, music theory/technology, piano keyboarding, chorus, band, strings, mariachi band, 2D art, 3D art and graphic arts with digital photography.

The arts are supplemented with school-wide and community involvements. Arts-infused classes promote arts education in academic and arts disciplines. The fine arts staff is augmented by guest artists and consultants who provide additional depth to the program.

Music

Musical opportunities in Polk County are exciting! Our fabulous teachers continue to seek ways to impart the love of music

-making to their students by utilizing curriculum maps, technology and expanding performing ensembles beyond band, chorus, and orchestra to meet the needs and interests of our students. Guitar, hand-bell and drumming ensembles are springing up, drawing non-traditional music students as well as students with special

needs to music. Uke, Orff, recorder, and strings are offered in elementary. Assessments such as the Essential Criteria, District and State Music Performance Assessments and the 3rd grade Music test are methods used to measure student achievement in music.

All-County music events feature

Lakeland Highland MS band at 2010 district MPA assessment.



student talent from all over the district. With over 800 5th graders taking string instruction, a string ensemble will be featured in the Elementary Showcase this May!

Visual Arts

Our Visual Arts programs in Polk continue to expand and improve as outstanding teachers participate in professional development and share content knowledge with colleagues and their students. Over 40 art teachers from Polk County attended the annual Florida Art Education Association (FAEA) Conference held in Orlando in October 2010. Seven

Polk teachers were selected to present topics of interest for other art teachers from around the state. Student artworks for this year's FAEA K-12 Exhibition were submitted by 31 schools, and six students from Polk were selected to have their work placed on display in Tallahassee at the Department of Education. Last year, 635 students partici-

pated in exhibitions held in the George Jenkins Student Art Gallery of the Polk Museum of Art, through the partnership between the museum and the school district.



"Singing in the Rain"- 2008 Harrison SFA



Landscape: Strata Compositions by: Calisa Criss, Scott Nutting, Breanna Sample and Destiny West (Rochelle SOTA)

Honors and Awards at our Schools

Arts Achieve! Model Schools: Davenport SOTA, Ridge Community HS

Music Demonstration Schools: Rochelle SOTA, Davenport SOTA

FAEA Performance Assessment: 168 students participated in the student assessment. 38 students from Polk received the highest rating possible from the Florida Art Ed. Assoc. for their artwork

Special Performances at the Florida Music Educator's Convention: Harrison SFA Orchestra, McLaughlin's Mariachi Band, Rochelle's Swinging Strings and Chorus, Davenport's Panamanians

FMEA Music Enrollment Award: Bartow MS, Mulberry MS, Jewett Academy, Lakeland Highlands MS, McLaughlin MS and FA Academy, Davenport SOTA, Dundee Ridge MS, Southwest MS, Daniel Jenkins Academy, Jewett SOTA

Congressional Winner-Visual Arts: Alexa Jo Udermann-HSA 2nd Place-Maranda Roundabush-LHS 3rd Place-Reece Miller-GJHS

AP Studio Art: Alyssa Puretz from Harrison had work selected by the College Board for display on their 2010-2011 website as an example of excellence

Disney's Candlelight: An unprecedented 9 high school

choirs were chosen to participate in Disney's annual Candlelight programs

FDED (Fl. Dance Ed. Org) featured performances by McLaughlin MS and FA Academy, Ridge Community HS, Davenport SOTA

Music Performance Assessment and All-State: In 09-10, 80 of our secondary performing groups received Superior ratings at MPA, 66 received Excellent and 11 received a Good rating. Over 9,000 students from Polk County participated in these last year. 171 students earned the high distinction of "All-State Student" and performed in the annual concerts in Tampa

Partnerships

Polk Museum of Art provides school-day tours for 5th grade students. Over 5,500 students will view the wonderful artwork this year.

The Imperial Symphony Orchestra once again has partnered with Polk County Schools to present school-day performances. Nearly 9,000 4th and 5th grade students will attend this year.

Lake Wales Arts Center is a dedicated partner bringing unique musical groups and artists to the students in the east area.

Barrage, an internationally-renowned

violin group returned to Polk County last year treating a packed house to their unique form of music. Hundreds of our students performed on stage with Barrage during this wonderful concert.

The Army Band will be visiting schools in Polk County in the spring and performing a special concert in Bartow.

Florida Southern College provides Band Day, a free school-day concert, exposing secondary students to a wide variety of musical styles.

Polk County Kids Tag Art sponsored by the tax collector's office and MidFlorida Credit Union sold over 1,200 tags netting over \$11,000 used by participating elementary schools to purchase special materials and equipment for their art programs.

The Barbershop Harmony Society is currently working with our district to present free workshops for middle and high school students.

MidFlorida Credit Union, Carltons Music and Florida Music Service are dedicated supporters of fine arts in Polk County.

The Future! A Vision for Excellence!

East Area Youth Symphony had its inaugural concert on November 2nd. This brand new symphony gives students from 7th-10th grades the unique opportunity to perform in a full orchestra. Their next concert is April 19, 2011, at McLaughlin MS and Fine Art Academy.

The Elementary Visual Art Showcase will kick off May 6, 2011, at Branscomb. Two elementary students from each participating school will be honored for their achievement in

visual arts at a special awards ceremony. Come and see their wonderful art-work at 5:00 P.M.!

All-County Piano This exciting new district-wide event will bring expert piano instructors from local universities and colleges to work with our piano students, culminating in a student concert. Look for this in April.

Middle School Drama Cabaret Students from all over our district will present monologues and one act plays

for expert reviews from theatrical professionals. Look for this in May.

Commercial Music Academy Working in conjunction with Workforce Education, the curriculum for this very special music academy incorporating digital music composing and recording is currently being developed. This academy is planned for select high schools beginning in the 2011-2012 school year.

The Arts are considered to be at the core of human thought and behavior and should continue to be at the core of learning provided in schools.



String programs in Polk County continue to grow. Violin instruction is provided in 96% of our elementary schools! (Harrison SFA pit Orchestra)

"The intellectual functions of art, science, history and philosophy come together with the knowledge, skills, subject matters and purposes of dance, music, theatre and the visual arts." -Samuel Hope, (Director, National Assoc. of Schools of Music)

The Fine Arts Festival selects student artwork for the advertisement poster. This event features students' visual art, as well as the All-Star and Directors' Jazz bands. April 9, 2011, at Lake Mirror.

