

*Our passionate and skilled staff members are here to help our students make an impact on the world.*



## THE SCHOOL AND THE COMMUNITY

The Philadelphia High School for Creative and Performing Arts (CAPA) is a special admit public high school serving all Philadelphia communities. A significant percentage of students who attend CAPA commute from all over the city to our location in South Philadelphia. Family incomes vary widely, but most of our students hail from households with modest means. Since its inception, CAPA has provided a unique educational experience that differs from other school programs. The rigorous academic and artistic demands of the program are tempered with individual support and attention.

## THE ACADEMIC PROGRAM

The educational experience at CAPA involves an intense, college preparatory academic program combined with advanced instruction in the arts. In addition to a full course-load of college-bound English, Math, Science, Social Studies, and Foreign Language courses, students receive advanced instruction in at least one of seven major arts areas: creative writing, dance, drama, instrumental music, vocal music, or visual arts and media, design, and television production. A year-long, interdisciplinary capstone project culminates the secondary school experience.

Highlights of the Academic Program-

- Advanced Placement courses in AP English Language, AP English Literature, AP US Government, AP World (Modern), AP Psychology, AP Calculus, AP Biology, AP Environmental Science, and AP Music Theory
- Dual-enrollment courses at local colleges are available to all students.
- All students complete 20 hours of community service requirement before graduating.
- Students thrive in an atmosphere that promotes acceptance, achievement, and self-esteem.
- CTE (Career and Technical Education) Program in Visual Communication with a focus on Cinematography and Digital Media Production.

## RESPONSE TO COVID-19

While continuing to provide students with a rigorous educational experience, CAPA modified its traditional marking system from a four quarter marking system into a trimester system. CAPA continued to assess the student body under the same Grading Scale Policy. During the interim period of the shut down, CAPA surveyed the student body to identify students who were in need of technology support. There was some disparity in the student body population due to unreliable technology and /or Internet access; which has since been addressed by the School District of Philadelphia's Office of Technology Support.

Since the start of the 2020-21 school year CAPA has continued to provide a rigorous curriculum and added many opportunities to meet student's Social/Emotional needs in a fully virtual environment.

### SCHOOL PROFILE

THE PHILADELPHIA  
HIGH SCHOOL FOR  
CREATIVE AND  
PERFORMING ARTS

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### MAJORS

**DANCE**

**INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC**

**MEDIA DESIGN  
TELEVISION  
PRODUCTION**

**THEATER**

**VISUAL ARTS**

**VOCAL MUSIC**

**WRITING**

POSTSECONDARY  
ACCEPTANCES

**74% ATTEND 4-YR  
COLLEGES**

**17% ATTEND 2-YR  
COLLEGES**

**>1% MILITARY**

**>1% GAP YEAR**