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Fine Arts Handbook

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FINE ARTS PROGRAM PROFILE

Mascot: Eagles

Colors: Royal Blue and Vegas Gold

League: Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools (TAPPS) grades 9-12
Private School Interscholastic Association (PSIA) grades 2-8

Classification: TAPPS 2A, PSIA "A"

Competitions opportunities in the following categories:

Academics

Art

Cheer

Dance

Debate

Drama

Music (Vocal, Piano, Orchestra)

Speech

TAPPS Competitions

State Academic Meet- March 24-25, 2026

Academic: Grades 9-12

- Math
 - Advanced Mathematics
 - Calculator Applications
 - Mathematics
 - Number Sense
- English
 - Literary Criticism
 - Ready Writing -February, 2026 (online)
 - Spelling - March 13, 2026 (online)
- Science: Biology, Chemistry, Physics
- Social Studies
 - Current Issues and Events
 - Social Studies
- Spanish

State Speech Meet- March 23-25, 2026

Speech: Grades 9-12

- Duet Acting
- Lincoln Douglas Debate
- Original Oratory
- Persuasive Speaking
- Poetry Interpretation
- Prose Interpretation
- Solo Acting

State Art - March 23-24, 2026

Art: Grades 9-12

- Black and White Drawing
- Colored Drawing
- Communication Design
 - Graphic Design
 - Illustration Design
 - Sequential Design
- Computer Rendered Art
- Painting
- Printmaking
- 2D Mixed Media
- Photography- Black and White
- Photography- Colored
- Sculpture
- Relief
- Fashion Design, Textile Art, and Jewelry Design
- Applied Industrial Design
- Pottery, Ceramics, and Plastic Arts
- Senior Portfolio
- On Site Drawing
- Art History - February, 2026 (online)
- Seek and Sketch -Black and White
- Seek and Sketch - Color
- Short Film
- Fall Photography - October 31, 2025

State Cheer- December 9, 2025

Cheer: Grades 9-12/ with opportunities for Middle School

- Traditional Squad
- Spirit Squad
- Mascot Competition
- Stunt Group
- Individual Jump and Tumble

State Dance - January 17, 2026

Dance: Grades 9-12/ with opportunities for Middle School

- Pom
- Jazz
- Lyrical
- Kick
- Novelty

State Music - February 16, 2026

Music: Grades 9-12

- Vocal Contests
 - Female Voice
 - Male Voice
 - Piano
- Band Contests- Solos
 - Woodwind
 - Brass
 - Percussion
 - Piano
 - Guitar
- String Contests- Solo, Duet, or Ensemble

Future Opportunities

Possible Future TAPPS Fine Arts opportunities include

- Fall Band
 - Drumline
 - Field Band
 - Marching Band
- Vocal Contests
 - Large Ensemble/Sight-Reading
 - Small Ensemble
 - Sacred Ensemble
 - Pop/Show Ensemble
- Band Contests
 - Large Ensemble/Sight-Reading
 - Small Ensemble
 - Woodwind
 - Brass
 - Percussion
 - Handbell
 - Medium Ensemble
 - Jazz Ensemble
- String Contests
 - Large Ensemble/Sight-Reading
 - Small Ensemble
 - Medium Ensemble
- One Act Play
- Robotics
- Esports

PSIA Competitions

District- February 28, 2025 hosted by Brazosport Christian School

State Meet- April 18, 2025 at Texas State University in San Marcos

One Act Play District- January - February, 2026

State One Act Play- March, 2026

In order to give our younger students the opportunity to compete as well as prepare them for High School competition we will participate in PSIA competitions when possible.

PSIA Academic, Art, Music, and Speech

- Art Memory Grades 4-5 and 6-8
- Calculator Applications Grades 6-8
- Creative Writing Grades 1 and 2
- Dictionary Skills Grades 4-5 and 6-8
- Impromptu Speaking Grades 7-8
- Listening Skills Grades 4-5 and 6-8
- Maps, Graphs, and Charts Grades 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8
- Mathematics Grades 2, 3,4, 5, 6, 7, and 8
- Modern Oratory Grades 7-8
- Music Memory Grades 3-4, 5-6, and 7-8
- Number Sense Grades 2, 3,4, 5, 6, 7, and 8
- On Site Drawing Grades 6, 7, and 8
- Oral Interpretation (Poetry/Prose) Grades 4, 5, 6, and 7-8
- Ready Writing Grades Grades 2, 3,4, 5, 6, 7, and 8
- Science Grades 6, 7, and 8
- Spelling Grades 2, 3,4, 5, 6, 7, and 8
- Storytelling Grades 1, 2, and 3
- Vocabulary Grades 5, 6, and 7-8
- One Act Play Grades 6-8

The BCS Fine Arts Department helps to fulfill the mission of the school by teaching qualities of knowledge, character, leadership, and spiritual growth to the glory of God expressed through the 4 Pillars of Excellence discussed below.

4 Pillars of Excellence

Fine Art Department of Brazosport Christian School

1. **Knowledge-** The Fine Arts Department of BCS strives to prepare, motivate, and inspire students to passionately pursue their purpose before God and engage in lifelong learning (Proverbs 1:1-7, Colossians 3:23, Ephesians 2:10).
2. **Character -** The Fine Arts Department of BCS seeks to develop respectful and responsible students who are confident and compassionate in their relationship with God and others, and who view themselves as created in God's image (Philippians 4:8, Galatians 5:22–23, 2 Peter 1:5–8, Colossians 3:12–14).
3. **Servant Leadership-** The Fine Arts Department of BCS provides abundant opportunities for students to discover and apply their unique God-given leadership qualities so they can grow and develop into servant leaders (Mark 9:35, Mark 10:42-45, James 4:10, 1 Timothy 4:12).
4. **Spiritual Growth-** The Fine Arts Department works together with our families to teach and train students to continuously grow in their relationship with God in the process of becoming lifelong disciples of Christ. (Matthew 28:19-20, John 8:12, John 12:26, 1 Timothy 4:12).

Goals

Based on our philosophy, our Fine Art Department and participant goals are:

- Excellence - programs focused on discipleship that honor God and are well managed and well executed
- Success - reaching maximum potential both individually and as a team while glorifying God

We will emphasize the individual goals as well as team goals within our Fine Arts/Academic Competitions. It is our desire that our Brazosport Christian School community – coaches, participants and parents – participate in such a way that honors God and conveys a positive witness to those around us. We will be modest in victory and gracious in defeat.

GENERAL POLICIES

Parent/Coach(Instructor) Conferences

If concerns arise, please follow the Matthew 18 guidelines. These guidelines are important to us because they allow us to address the problem directly, instead of letting it fester, or gossiping about it to others. Please honor God and our Fine Art Department by following these steps in order. Note: Please do not go over the Fine Art Director's head straight to the head of school.

- The student speaks to the coach(instructor) about the problem.
- If the problem is not resolved, the parent should go with the student to talk to the coach(instructor).
- If the concern is still not resolved, speak with the Fine Art Director to discuss your concern.

Parent/Student Responsibilities

In order for BCS to provide an effective and well-managed fine arts program for your student, the following expenditures are necessary for your child to participate in BCS Fine Arts/Academic Competitions.

- Team Shirt for state competitions
- Additional personal expenses such as equipment or supplies not provided by BCS.
- Food during travel
- Speech Contestants as well as any music entries will need competition attire.
 - Males- black dress pants, button up dress shirt, black dress shoes and black sports coat.
 - Females- black dress pants or skirt, button up blouse, black flats or heels, and black blazer.

Student Athlete Attitude

Students who choose to participate in the fine arts/academic program are in a unique position. This position will be observed by many public and private schools, media, parents, peers, teachers, and the public at large. It is an excellent opportunity to demonstrate one's desire to be Christlike in attitude and sportsmanship. This is not just during competition, but includes practice, the classroom, and any time representing BCS. Students with poor attitudes and behavior will be disciplined accordingly. Foul language of any kind will not be tolerated. Severe or repetitive actions/behaviors/attitudes could result in suspension from a meet or dismissal from the team.

Academic Responsibility

- Students are accountable for getting their assignments for all classes that will be missed before they leave for their competition.
- Students should be ready to take tests and turn in assignments on the regularly scheduled day. It is at the teacher's discretion to give students extra time to complete assignments, etc.

Eligibility

- BCS Athletics follows the “No Pass, No Play” policy. The same will be true for participation in Fine Art/Academic Competitions.
- Students must be enrolled in at least 4 core courses at BCS in order to participate.
- Students will need to complete the TMS profile each year.

Pre-Participation Responsibilities

Prior to participating in the school’s fine arts program, BCS students and parents must complete the following:

- Submit the TAPPS Pre-Participation Physical Exam Form (including annual sports physical for cheer, dance, and marching band)
- Submit the signed Fine Arts Handbook Acknowledgement Form
- Attend a student & parent fine arts orientation program for the activity you are participating in if offered(both the student and at least one parent must attend)
- Pay the participation fee (per activity—fee is set annually by the fine arts director based on the type of activity, and the transportation costs associated with it).

Communication Using Social Media

Coaches and Sponsors may choose to communicate using communication apps such as BAND and Group Me. Communication from coaches and sponsors through these apps is for general information. Students and Parents are to contact the coach through the school office or through professional email if they have any questions.

Quitting or Dropping a Fine Arts Activity/Team

Students who make the choice to quit a team or group once the season or preparation period for the event has begun (season/preparation period defined as the first day of practices through the last team meeting day/day after the event) are prohibited from returning to that team/activity except under special circumstances and only if the following conditions are met:

1. The student & student’s parents must arrange a meeting with the coach/sponsor and fine arts director to discuss the rationale for quitting and returning to the team;
2. The coach/sponsor and fine arts director agrees to accept the student back on the team per circumstances involved;
3. The student apologizes to the coach(es)/sponsor(s) and, if deemed necessary/appropriate, to the team or group.

Transportation and Travel

If a team uses a BCS vehicle, then the following guidelines will take into effect:

- All team members are generally expected to ride with the team to and from contests. If, for some reason, they need to ride home with their parents, this must be cleared with the coach before leaving for the contest.
- While traveling to and from events, students will be required to adhere to the school dress code.
- Students will conduct themselves properly on the school bus or in any school vehicle.
- Students must receive permission from the coach before bringing any radios, electronic games, etc.. (All music, games, and videos must comply with BCS guidelines)
- It is the responsibility of the student to be on time for all departures and to inform parents of the time to be picked up after the contest. Every effort will be made to notify proper personnel as to unexpected changes in arrival times.
- Students will not be allowed to bring parents, family members or friends on any school transportation unless permitted by the Fine Art Director. Managers will be allowed to ride if there are enough seats.

Chaperones

Any adults asked to chaperone will be required to sign a code of conduct before any event. Chaperones are representatives of the school and are expected to reflect Christian values and personal decorum, both on and off campus. Chaperones are to ensure the safety of the students participating in the trip and follow school policies and guidelines. Chaperones should defer to the trip leader's decision-making authority and provide support as needed.

Hotel Policy

All students will sign a code of conduct before any events requiring a hotel stay. If a student does not follow this code of conduct, there will be disciplinary consequences. If deemed necessary, parents will be responsible for arranging to pick them up from the event. Parents may be asked to pay half of hotel costs as deemed necessary.

Honors and Awards

The following awards are chosen by the Fine Arts Department and may be given in both Middle School and High School. These awards will be based on achievement as well as Christian character.

- *Fine Arts Student of the Year* - for the outstanding student in fine arts
- Servant Leadership Award – for the upper school student who has best exemplified the characteristics of Christian leadership within the school.

Requirements for Lettering

Students may letter in the following categories:

- ACADEMICS
- ART
- BAND/ORCHESTRA
- CHEER
- CHOIR
- DANCE
- DEBATE
- DRAMA
- SPEECH
- YEARBOOK

General Criteria:

- Students in each category must participate in all activities scheduled for that class/team
- Attendance, general attitude, sportsmanship, and training participation will be evaluated. Consideration must also include a participant's effort to excel to the best of his or her ability.
- In the event that a participant is injured or becomes ill and is not allowed to participate further, he or she will be entitled to letter upon the recommendation of the Fine Arts Director.
- Participants must complete the season in which they lettered in good standing.
- With regards to letter jackets, a participant may not order a letter jacket until he/she has completed an entire season and has fulfilled the requirements.
- Each coach/sponsor/teacher will provide a list of eligible students to the Fine Art Director who will then submit it to the representative from the Letter Jacket company chosen by the school.

Individual Class Criteria:

Academics:

- Students must participate in the TAPPS State Academic Meet and place 1st-8th in at least one category

Art:

- Students must participate in TAPPS State Art Meet and place 1st-8th in at least one category

Band/Orchestra

- Students must demonstrate constant progress on their instruments through practice.
- Students must compete in the TAPPS solo, duet, or ensemble competition and receive an Excellent or Superior rating.
- Students must play in all mandatory performances, including all TAPPS competitions in which the band/orchestra participates.

Cheer/Dance

- Students must compete in the TAPPS State Competition and receive an Excellent or Superior rating
- Must cheer at all district football games and all pep rallies unless excused by the Fine Art Director.

Choir/Ensemble:

- Students must participate in all TAPPS competitions that the group is eligible for and receive an Excellent or Superior rating

Debate/Speech

- Students must compete in the TAPPS State Meet and qualify for the semi-finals.

Drama:

- Students must compete in the OAP competition with TAPPS and receive an Excellent or Superior rating

Yearbook:

- Students must take two consecutive semesters in yearbook.class.

ATHLETIC POLICIES FOR SPIRIT SQUADS

Purpose

The BCS Spirit Squads will strive to glorify Christ by pursuing athletic excellence, spiritual growth, servant leadership, and promoting school spirit. Participation in the Spirit Squads at BCS is a unique position. We will learn to be under authority as well as in authority. We will be out in the community, serving and performing throughout the year. Each event also serves as an advertisement for our school. Each member must conduct themselves in a Christ-like manner at all times.

General Eligibility

- Students must meet minimum academic requirements. Students must not be on academic or conduct probation or removed from the squad the previous year. Anyone who has been removed from the squad will not be allowed to try out again for a year. A new physical is required each year. More paperwork will follow at the Camp Meeting.
- Students must attend summer camp, and any scheduled events during the summer. No additions to the squads will be made after summer camps have taken place unless approved by the Fine Arts Director.
- Students must agree to comply with the Spirit Squad Discipline Document.
- All final decisions rest with the Fine Arts Director and the Head of School.

Selection Process of Spirit Squads

- Tryouts will take place for the following school year by the end of April.
- All potential squad members must go through tryouts
- There will be a panel of 3 judges selected by the Fine Art Director for tryouts
- There will be a minimum score set for selection to the team. The Fine Art Director will establish this score based on the overall skill level of those trying out.
- Cuts will never be made to just one student, but that student may be asked to be an alternate and act as a manager, depending on their scores.
- Coaches may be in the room for tryouts but will not be judges.
- The Fine Art Director may act as a judge if no student trying out is related to them.
- Team members who make the squad but do not have scores that are in line with the rest of the squad may not be eligible for competition.
- When deciding on final cuts the needs of the squad may be taken into consideration, but final approval must be given by the Fine Art Director.
- Any student wanting to join after tryouts, must be approved by the Fine Art Director and go through an individual tryout. This tryout may have less than 3 judges.

Selection Process- Varsity Captain

- Complete two (2) years on the varsity squad.
- Shows themselves as a leader, which includes attending all activities unless the Fine Art Director has approved absence.
- Has shown that they support their current captain by submitting to the captain's authority.
- Completes all forms, including extra forms for the captains.
- May be asked to make a chant, cheer, and a Music routine with all requirements needed for tryouts. This will be their tryout time.

Junior High Captain

- Complete at least one year in Jr. High squad
- Shows themselves as a leader
- Captains will be selected based on the tryout scores along with the input from the coach and Fine Art Director. The Coach and Fine Arts Director may choose to have rotating captains.

Additional Dance Leadership Roles

All other leadership positions will be set by the coach with the approval from the Fine Art Director.

Spirit Squad Leader Expectations

Participation in the Spirit Squads at BCS is a unique position. We will be out in the community, serving and performing throughout the year. Each event also serves as an advertisement for our school. Each member must conduct themselves in a Christ-like manner at all times.

Junior High Cheer Squad members will perform at all home football games and pep rallies. Participation in out-of-town games will be decided after the game schedule is set. JH Cheerleaders will perform at all home basketball games.

Varsity Cheer Squad members will perform at all home football and basketball games as well as out-of-town football games, pep rallies, and special performances. Varsity Cheerleaders will have a key role in creating and executing pep rallies.

Dance Team members will perform at any event deemed by the Coach

Mascot

- To be selected by the Fine Arts Director and Coaches of the Spirit Squads.
- Responsible for storage and care of the uniform during the season.
- Responsible for having it at the games and pep rallies.
- The mascot will need assistance from a friend or parent.

Manager

- Managers are responsible for helping to plan and carry out pep rallies and other spirit events as well as run music for games and help with equipment. They are expected to be at all cheer activities.
- Managers may be asked to perform in pep rallies and stunts with the squad if needed.
- Managers will also play a key role in the creation of signs and posters.

Rules of Conduct

All squads must be able to meet all requirements of the Athletic handbook, Student handbook as well as the following:

- Strive to exhibit Christ like behavior and positive image at all times. Failure to commit to this may forfeit the opportunity to participate in the Spirit Program.
- Must demonstrate leadership at all times as well as have a good relationship with the school staff, faculty etc.
- Attend and participate at practices, games, pep rallies, and special events with a positive, cheerful, and cooperative attitude.
- All forms of social media must be kept clear of matters pertaining to the subject of: sex, alcohol, profanity, or anything that could misrepresent themselves or BCS.
- Coaches and Captains must have full access to all social media outlets during the school year.
- Must be on time to all activities and dressed in appropriate attire, including injured team members. Injured team members must provide a doctor's note as stated in the Handbook.
- All squad members are responsible for learning any material missed due to absences or injuries.
- During games, squad members must stand at attention and focus on the game. They must refrain from talking to each other as well as spectators.
- Uniforms are not to be worn in public after games, pep rallies, and other activities.
- Please eat before arriving at a game. There is no gum, food, or drinks on the field except water. No food should be eaten in the uniform that could stain it.
- The students are financially responsible for the care of their uniform.
- No stretching or practicing in front of the crowd.
- Squad members must stay with their squad before, during, and after each activity until dismissed by coaches.
- All squad members must participate in all fundraising events.
- All squad members are expected to perform in any special events or performances.

Travel

- Students must have a ride to and from practices and home games at times stated.
- Squads will travel together as a team to out of town games and special events.
- Transportation will be designated by the school.
- Parents will occasionally provide transportation for the squads, but they must have the appropriate forms on file at the school. If more than one vehicle is used, the drivers will travel in a caravan.
- Squads will return to a specified area after the event in the same designated vehicle unless written permission by parents/guardians has been given to the coach PRIOR to the event.
- Students can only be released to another parent that is listed on the appropriate form.
- No student will be released to another student.
- No student will be released to anyone under the age of 25.

Equipment

- Spirit Team members will help with the setup and take down of the equipment needed for each event.
- Uniforms must be properly laundered as directed by the coach.
- Any items lost will be replaced at the cost of the individual team member.

Player Expense

The cost of being on a Spirit Team will be established by the Fine Art Director and communicated to the head coach.

Special Events

When an invitation is issued for any of the Spirit Squad's to attend a special event, all school rules will apply.

Fundraisers

Squads will hold a limited number of fundraisers as needed throughout the season.

Mission projects

Each Squad should participate in a mission project each year.

Leadership

- Administration and the Fine Art Director have the final authority on Spirit Squad activities, dress code, etc.
- Non-Christian music must be approved by the appropriate Administrator.

Demerit System/ Grading Policy

Each coach will have a written grading policy or Demerit System pertaining to class, practices, and games.

Coaches

- The Fine Arts Director and Administration are responsible for the selection of the coaches.
- Coaches are responsible to the Fine Arts Director.
- At least one coach per cheerleading squad must be AACCA certified for stunting.
- Coaches may be teachers, parents, or volunteers

Fine Arts Director

- The Fine Arts Director is selected by the Head of School.
- The Fine Arts Director may also serve as a coach.
- The Fine Arts Director works with the coaches to organize performances for pep rallies and games as needed
- The Head of School has final authority in decisions regarding the spirit squads in regards to the athletic and spirit squad policies.

Spirit Squad Discipline Policy

Benching

1. The student may be benched upon not being in compliance with any part of the Cheerleading handbook, the BCS Student handbook, and the BCS Athletic handbook. A Full Bench is when the student is removed from the said activity because of non-compliance. They are to come dressed in performance attire, but they will sit with the coaches through the entirety of the activity. A Partial Bench is the same as a Full Bench, but the student will sit out the 1st half of the activity.
2. An unexcused absence, tardy, or leaving early from a practice, or event may result in a Partial Bench from the next activity. (Detention or ISS will be unexcused)
3. Late arrival to a game will result in a Partial Bench.
4. An unexcused absence from a game or pep rally will result in a Full Bench from the next activity.
5. Issues with disrespect or insubordination to those in authority including captains/co-captains may result in a Full Bench.

Probation

1. Probation is when a student has received 2 Full Benches.
2. When a student is placed on Probation parents will be notified.
3. Probation is equivalent to 2 complete games.
4. Any cheerleader found repeatedly accompanying others who are using drugs or alcohol may be placed on cheer probation. This is the equivalent of 2 benches.

Dismissal

1. Students using drugs, alcohol, tobacco, or participating in sexual activity may be automatically dismissed from the squad.
2. Students found cheating, stealing, using foul language, or skipping classes may be removed from the squad.
3. Students that repeatedly have Social Media issues dealing with drugs, alcohol, sex, or profanity may result in being removed from the squad.
4. Any student placed on Probation will be subject to dismissal upon a 3rd bench.
5. Final decisions rest with the Fine Arts Director and the Head of School.

Fine Art Handbook Acknowledgement

I hereby acknowledge that I have read, understand, and promise to adhere to the procedures included in the Brazosport Christian School Fine Art Handbook and am fully aware that failure to adhere to these policies could result in removal from the Brazosport Fine Art Teams

Student Acknowledgement:

Printed Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Parent Acknowledgement:

Printed Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____