2016-2017
Plano ISD Fine Arts

22,644 Secondary Students are enrolled in Plano ISD Fine Arts Electives in 6th through 12th Grades.

- Art = 5,979
- Band = 4,859
- Choir = 4,003
- Orchestra = 4,794
- Theatre = 2,066
- Speech = 944
- JROTC = 476

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Advance Placement (AP) Arts

- 724 AP exams with a 91% passing rate
- Plano West Senior High was 1st in Texas and 2nd in the nation with 307 qualifying exam scores. 158 Plano West AP arts students received a total of $4,619,386 in scholarships.
- Plano Senior High was 2nd in Texas and 4th in the nation with 249 qualifying exam scores. 83 Plano Senior High AP arts students received a total of $3,223,440 in scholarships.
- Plano East Senior High was 6th in Texas and 22nd in the Nation with 111 qualifying exam scores. 78 Plano East AP arts students received a total of $2,324,895 in scholarships.

APS Young Masters Exhibition at the Dallas Museum of Art included 28 Plano ISD pieces:

- 17 – 2D works
- 4 – 3D works
- 2 Art History essays
- 5 musical compositions
**Visual Art**

Plano submitted 839 works of Art to the Regional Visual Art Scholastic Event (VASE). 633 received a superior rating of 4, and 80 will be moving on to state VASE, April 28th.

In December, the Plano ISD Fine Arts Department sent eight works of art to be considered for exhibition in the Youth Art Month (YAM) State Capitol Exhibit by the Texas Art Education Association (TAEA). Four were selected for the exhibit. These four works were on exhibit from March 7 through March 26 at the Bob Bullock Texas State History Museum with an awards program on Sunday, March 26th. The work then moved to a second exhibition in the south gallery at the State Capitol from March 28-April 4th.

**Junior Reserve Officer Training Course (JROTC)**

In November and December 2016, The Plano ISD JROTC Program underwent the JROTC Program for Accreditation. As a result of this inspection Plano Senior, Plano East and Plano West each retained their Honor Unit with Distinction rating. This achievement places Plano ISD’s JROTC Programs in the top 10% of the 1,731 Army Junior ROTC programs totaling 314,000 cadets and allows the Senior Army Instructor at each of the senior high schools to maintain nomination authority to all military academies for JROTC Cadets.

**Drill Competitions**

**Wildcat Battalion:**
- Unarmed Drill Team – 1st Place Overall, Denton Skills Meet & 1st Place Overall, Birdville Skills Meet
- Precision Marksmanship Team – 2nd Place Overall, Birdville Skills Meet
- Female Physical Fitness Team – 3rd Place Overall, Fort Worth Cowtown Meet

**Panther Battalion:**
- Precision Marksmanship Team – 1st Place Overall, Wichita Falls Skills Meet
- Precision Marksmanship Team – 3rd Place Overall, Birdville Skills Meet
- Academic Team – 1st Place, Fort Worth Cowtown Meet

**Wolf Battalion:**
- Male Physical Fitness Team – 1st Place Overall, Wylie East Skills Meet
- Male Physical Fitness Team – 2nd Place Overall, Fort Worth Cowtown Meet
Service Learning

- Plano Senior High visited veterans at Spring Creek Gardens
- Plano Senior High visited veterans at Friends Place
- Plano Senior High conducted a veterans ceremony at Wells and Saigling Elementary Schools
- Plano East Senior High collected over 2,000 food items for Minnie’s Pantry
- Plano East Senior High hosted Veterans Day program at Plano East Senior High
- Plano East Senior High conducted Pearl Harbor Day Ceremony
- Plano East Senior High supported the Plano ISD Martin Luther King Celebration
- Plano West Senior High visited veterans at Legacy Senior Center

Music

- 76 All-State Musicians
- Texas Music Educators Association (TMEA) selected Plano Senior High School A Cappella Women’s Chorus as the top Texas treble choir – Derrick Brookins & Lisa Newby, Directors
- American Choral Directors Association (ACDA) selected Plano Senior High School A Cappella Men’s Chorus as the national honor choir – Derrick Brookins & Lisa Newby, Directors
- Essentially Ellington Finalist, Plano West Senior High School Jazz Band – Preston Pierce, Director

TMEA Honor Finalists

6A Concert Band:
4th – Plano West Senior High Wind Ensemble – James Hannah, Director
8th – Plano East Senior High Wind Ensemble – Evelio Villarreal, Director

High School String Orchestra:
3rd – Plano West Senior High Chamber Orchestra – Ryan Ross, Director
5th – Plano Senior High Chamber Orchestra – Brian Coatney, Director

Middle School String Orchestra
2nd – Rice Middle School Chamber Orchestra – Barbara Fox, Director
6th – Otto Middle School Chamber Orchestra – Anu Daniel, Director
8th – Robinson Middle School Chamber Orchestra – Mary Havenstrite, Director

Middle School Full Orchestra
3rd – Otto Middle School Full Orchestra – Anu Daniel & Abby Villarreal, Directors
5th – Rice Middle School Full Orchestra – Barbara Fox & Jason Tucker, Directors
Mark of Excellence Awards

National Winners:
- Robinson Middle School Wind Ensemble – Kimberly Hernandez, Director
- Jasper High School Wind Ensemble – Jackie Digby, Director
- Plano West Senior High Wind Ensemble – James Hannah, Director
- Plano West Senior High Symphony Orchestra – Ryan Ross & James Hannah, Directors
- Plano West Senior High Chamber Orchestra – Ryan Ross, Director
- Rice Middle School Tenor/Bass Choir – Chelsea Farmer, Director

Commended Winners:
- Robinson Middle School Varsity Treble Choir – Kimberley Ahrens, Director
- Rice Middle School A cappella Treble Choir – Chelsea Farmer, Director
- Plano East Senior High Wind Ensemble – Evelio Villarreal, Director
- Jasper High School Legacy Orchestra – Matthew Moreno, Director

Speech

- Plano Senior High, Plano West Senior High & Jasper High School Debate Teams – Advance to the International Public Policy Forum (IPPF) Sweet Sixteen
- Plano Senior High Debate Team – Bickel & Brewer/ New York University International Public Policy Forum Champions 2016

State Forensic Tournament Results:
- 2nd Place Overall Sweepstakes – Plano West Senior High School
- 5th Place Overall Sweepstakes – Plano Senior High School
- 1st Place - Domestic Extemp – Katherine Hu, Plano Senior High
- 2nd Place Foreign Extemp – Nikhil Ramaswamy, Plano West Senior High
- 2nd Place - Domestic Extemp – Ellen Wang, Plano West Senior High
- 3rd Place - Domestic Extemp – Shaaswat Singh, Plano West Senior High
- 6th Place - Informative – Kelly Graham, Plano Senior High
- Senate Congressional Finalist – Mikael Rafiqi - Plano West Senior High
- 8 House Congressional Finalists – Nicolas Teachenor, Navnit Mohan & Katherine Hu - Plano Senior High; Ankur Bhagwath, Mishan Kara, Ellen Wang & Nikhil Ramaswamy - Plano West Senior High & Saavni Desai – Jasper High School
Theatre
Plano Senior High School student Evan Hara is the State Champion of the UIL Young Filmmakers Competition in the Division 2 Narrative category for his short film entitled "The Boundary." Evan's films represented half of the finalists in the category.

Arts by the Numbers
*Plano Musicians in Region 24 All-Region Ensembles*

- Middle School Band – 44%
- High School Band – 47%
- Middle School Choir – TBD
- High School Choir – 74%
- Middle School Orchestra – 62%
- High School Orchestra – 66%

Plano students made up 4% of the Texas All-Staters.

Plano students represented 9% of the entries in the Texas Forensic Association State Tournament and earned 15% of the 2017 Finalist positions.

47% of the art work advancing from Region 10 North to State VASE competition came from Plano ISD.

Campus Teachers of the Year (Fine Arts)
- Kiera Caldwell – Music, Sigler Elementary
- Darren Dodd – Music, Aldridge Elementary
- Tracy Evans – Art, Mitchell, Elementary
- Sherika Gaines – Theatre, McMillen High School
- DeEtte Quinn – Art, McCall Elementary
- Ellen Miller – Theatre, Vines High School
- Clay Wheeler – Speech/Theatre, Schimelpfenig Middle School
- Kaitlyn Wright – Music, Shepard Elementary

Strong Leadership
- Kathy Kuddes, Director of Fine Arts – TMAC Outstanding Administrator
- Laura Grundler, Visual Arts Coordinator & Matt Grundler, Brinker Elementary – NAEA Art Education Technology - Outstanding Community Service Award
- Greg Arp, Theatre Coordinator – TETA Conference Schedule Planner
- Rhonda Smith, Plano West Senior High – TFA State Tournament Site Host & Coordinator
- Laura Grundler, Visual Arts Coordinator – TAEA Co-Conference Director
• Anne Quanintance Howard, Schimelpfenig Middle School - NAEA Outstanding National Art Junior Honor Society Sponsor
• Amy Semifero, Plano ISD Academy High School - TAEA Outstanding High School Teacher
• Cheryl Potts, Plano Senior High - Top 5 Finalist National Speech & Debate Teacher of the Year
• Christopher Hammer, Shepton High School - NSDA First Diamond Speech & Debate Coach
• Brian Coatney, Plano Senior High School - TMEA Orchestra Division Vice-President
• Derrick Brookins, Plano Senior High School - TMEA Vocal Division Vice-President
• Brenda Keen, Hightower Elementary - OAKE Southern Division President
• Kristin Moore, Brinker Elementary - KET President Elect