



Douglas Anderson School of the Arts

2011-2012 Profile

Principal Jackie Cornelius

School and District Community

Douglas Anderson School of the Arts (DA) opened in August, 1985, as an Arts high school. The school attracts artistic students in grades 9-12 from Duval and surrounding counties. DA serves talented students who audition for placement. The school is dedicated to training those students who will pursue a career in the arts, as well as students who will be committed to the support of the arts in their communities. In addition to its arts classes, DA offers a college preparatory academic curriculum. We currently have eight arts departments consisting of the following:

- Cinematic Arts
- Creative Writing
- Dance
- Instrumental Music
- Technical Theatre
- Theatre
- Visual Arts
- Vocal



Where arts and academics meet in excellence!

Douglas Anderson Facts

SCHOOL FACTS: Enrollment: 1180 students, 284 seniors, 286 juniors, 316 sophomores, 293 freshmen. **Faculty:** 86 Instructional Staff, 48% teachers with advanced degrees, 8% National Board Certified teachers, 10% with Doctoral degrees. **Accreditation:** Southern Association of Colleges & Secondary Schools (SACS) **Schedule:** Eight classes meet 90 minutes per day on alternating days, 9 weeks per quarter.

The National Foundation for Advancement in the Arts

The National Foundation for Advancement in the Arts (NFAA), through its Arts Recognition & Talent Search (ARTS) program, is the exclusive nominating organization to the Presidential Scholars program sponsored by the White House. Since 1992, DA is proud to claim more than 360 National Award Recipients.

DOUGLAS ANDERSON NATIONAL AWARD RECIPIENTS

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Presidential Scholars	3
Level I Awards	28
Level II Awards	39
Level III Awards	46
Level IV Awards	63
Honorable Mention*	87
Merit Winners**	98

**Honorable Mention winners placed in the top 5% of all national applicants.*

***Merit winners placed in the top 10%.*

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Special points of interest:

- Best Music Program—Grammy Foundation, 2010
- “Best Academic High School” - Newsweek, Top 1%, 2010
- Best National Exemplary Arts High school—Arts Schools Network
- Florida A+ School
- Gibson Guitar Grant, Recipient—one of three nationwide
- Best Performing Arts High School Symphonic Band—Downbeat magazine
- Essentially Duke Ellington High School Jazz Band Winner

Graduation Requirements

Duval County Graduation Requirements for class of 2012

All graduates must demonstrate “minimum competency” in mathematics and communications as measured by the Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test (FCAT). In addition, 24 credits are required with an overall grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 for those credits earned in the Florida Public system. The graduation requirements listed below are intended for the graduating class of 2012:

English	4
Social Studies	3
Mathematics	4
Physical Education (HOPE)	1
Science	4
World Language	2
Performing Fine Arts*	12

*Required Arts Courses specific to DA

Total Required Minimum Credits at D.....30

Total Possible Credits 32

Curriculum Overview



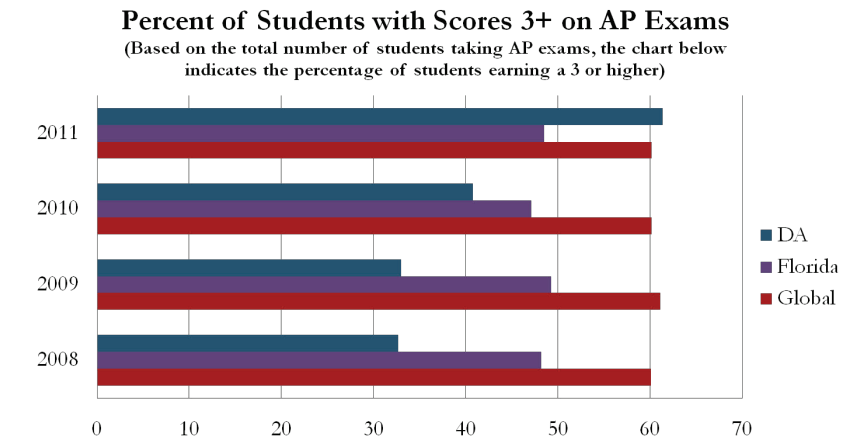
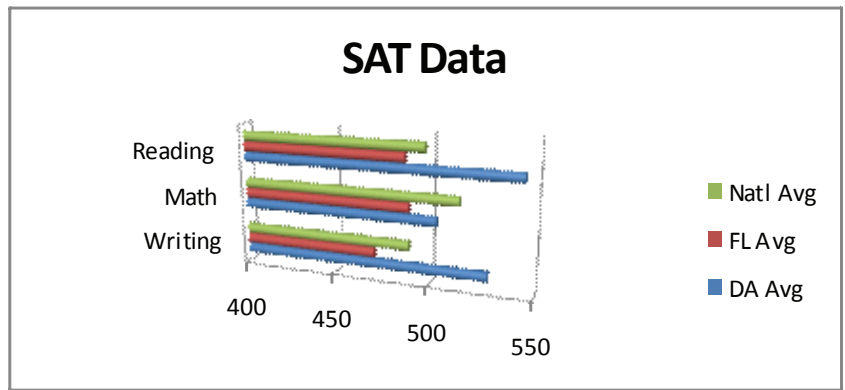
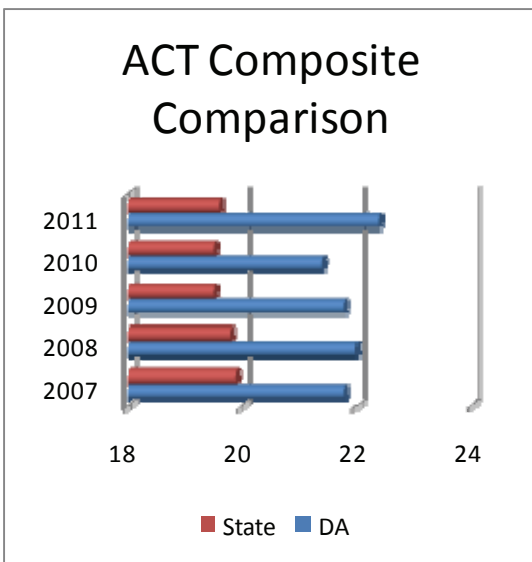
“DA’s mission is to be the best arts high school in the nation.”

Courses offered: 10 Language Arts, 10 Social Studies, 12 Mathematics, 11 Science, 4 Foreign Language, 25 Visual Arts, 22 Instrumental, 3 Physical Education, 12 Vocal, 17 Piano, 4 Physical Education, 30 Theatre, 15 Cinematic Arts, 23 Dance, 16 Creative Writing.

Dual Enrollment Courses and Industry Certification—Dual Enrollment in AP Art 2D Design, AP Portfolio Drawing, Printmaking, Acting III, Acting IV, Theatre History, Symphonic Band, Jazz Band, Ballet Junior & Senior levels, AP Literature, and AP Language is offered through Florida State College of Jacksonville. This year DA will be offering entering ninth graders the opportunity to enter the AP Scholars Program, and those in Cinematic Arts will be provided the opportunity to earn Industry Certification in Editing and Post Production.

Advanced Placement (AP), AP Scholars Program, and Honors Courses—AP English Literature/AP Biology/AP Portfolio Drawing/AP Music Theory/AP United States History/AP Statistics/AP Calculus A/B & B/C/AP Government/AP English Language/AP Chemistry/AP Physics B/AP World History/AP Art History/AP Art 3D Design/AP Art 2D Design/AP Micro Economics/AP Environmental Science.

Advanced and honors courses are offered in English, Math, Science, Social studies, and World Languages.



College Preparedness

Ninety-nine percent of our graduates continue their education at post secondary institutions: **71%** at four year colleges and **29%** at community/vocational colleges; **35%** pursue performance degrees in the arts; **20%** attend specialized art schools; **1%** enter the workforce. Over nine million dollars was offered in college scholarships.

Advanced Placement Data

- ★ Over 1100 AP Exams were taken last spring.
- ★ We increased our overall AP pass rate last year by 4%.
- ★ Since 2007, the number of students taking AP exams has doubled.
- ★ We offer 18 different AP classes.

