**Enrollment Guidelines:** Students Must Reside Within Tuscaloosa City Schools Zones.

**A.   School Overview**

The Tuscaloosa Fine Arts Academy, housed at Paul W. Bryant High School, provides a four year program of study for students considering college and career pathways in the fine arts. Certified specialists in Dance, Music, Theatre, and Visual Arts provide hands-on guidance for students to achieve excellence and literacy in their chosen craft through performance, production, and presentation. Community artists, arts professionals, and arts organizations reinforce and augment the experiences provided by the certified specialists.

Students accepted into the Tuscaloosa Fine Arts Academy will work within a 4-year plan leading to a diploma in a Fine Arts Major with Distinction. These paths of study include Creative Writing, Fashion/Jewelry/Costume Design, Photography, Two and Three - Dimensional Art, Theatre, Dance, Vocal and Instrumental Music, and Recording Engineering.

**B. Admission Policy**

Students residing in any Tuscaloosa City School zone are eligible to apply for enrollment in the School of the Arts in grades 9 - 12. See eligibility, application and selection process below.

**C. Student Eligibility**

1. Incoming 9th - 12th  grade students living within Tuscaloosa City School zones can apply for acceptance for Tuscaloosa Fine Arts Academy by completing:
   1. TCS Specialty Schools Application

1.2 Audition and placement process

1.3 Student and Parent Contract

1. Home school or private school students who live in Tuscaloosa City School zones but are not currently attending a Tuscaloosa City School are eligible to apply under guidelines 1.1, 1.2, and 1.3 above; however, verification of residence must be provided at time of acceptance to the attendance office at the Tuscaloosa City Board of Education, including:

* Proof of residence within Tuscaloosa City Schools attendance zone
* Current report card

1. Students attending PWBHS are eligible to enroll in any fine arts elective regardless of their acceptance to the Tuscaloosa Fine Arts Academy.
2. 8th grade students currently attending TASPA will complete a commitment letter regarding their decision to or not to attend Tuscaloosa Fine Arts Academy (TFAA) at Paul W. Bryant High School for the next school year. The commitment letter must be completed and returned to the school no later than the last working day of January. 8th grade TASPA students returning a commitment letter are not required to apply or audition for admission to TFAA, though a placement audition may be scheduled.

**Note: Athletic eligibility rules apply for students from the Northridge or Central High School zones transferring to TFAA at Paul W. Bryant High School.**

**D. Application Process**

1. All applications must be completed to include meeting deadlines for application, interview, and returning letters of acceptance and student/parent contracts.

**E. Selection Process**

1. Following review of applications, student auditions will be scheduled as early as January.
2. Letters of intent to enroll must be returned by the deadline stated in the acceptance letter.
3. Failure to respond to an offer of acceptance within the specified timeframe will render the outcome as a student/parent/guardian decline.

**F. Enrollment**

1. Once students are approved and accept a placement in the Tuscaloosa Fine Arts Academy, the students will:
   1. remain in the school for the entire school year;
   2. maintain acceptable attendance;
   3. maintain a 3.0 GPA in fine arts courses and a 2.0 GPA in all other subjects;
   4. remain on track to graduate;
2. Failure to meet the above criteria may result in dismissal from the Tuscaloosa Fine Arts Academy.
3. Transferring back to the zoned school may be done through the hardship transfer request pursuant to board policy.