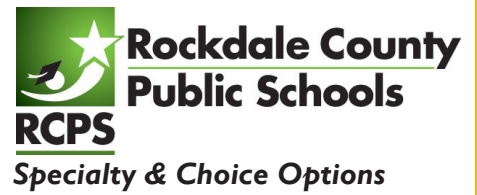




# Academy for Performing and Visual Arts at Davis Middle School



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## Program Overview

General Ray Davis Middle School, in support of the Rockdale County Public Schools vision to offer expanded learning options, offers a rigorous fine arts program specifically targeting the performing and visual arts. The goal of the Academy for Performing and Visual Arts is to explore and develop artistic talents within young students by making the arts part of each student's core learning experience. The program offers:

- Discrete arts instruction in dance, theatre arts, vocals, band, strings, photography, video, and visual arts;
- Integration of arts across other content areas: math, science, language arts, and social studies.

Academy classes prepare students for the next level of performing and/or visual arts education while maintaining high academic achievement.



## Application, Eligibility, and Artistic Review

RCPS will use an electronic application process for 2024-2025 School Choice programs. No paper applications will be accepted. Students may apply for **one** School Choice program only for the 2024-2025 school year.

**The application window is November 10 through December 15, 2023, to apply for the 2024-2025 school year.** The online application will be available on the district website at: [rockdaleschools.org](http://rockdaleschools.org) Only completed applications will be accepted for consideration.

## Eligibility Criteria

- Students must meet standards in ELA, Reading, Math, Science, and Social Studies on the Milestones assessment.
- Students must meet the student registration requirement for Rockdale County Public Schools.\*
- Students and parents must agree to the Choice contract.

\*All students must reside in Rockdale County or have a parent employed with RCPS to apply. Students residing in Rockdale County but attending home or private school who are accepted must fully enroll in RCPS in June. RCPS policy JCB-R will apply to all RCPS employee children who are accepted.

## Audition/Artistic Review

Please plan to attend the Parent Information Session at DMS on **Tuesday, October 17, 2023, 5 p.m. to 6 p.m.**, to learn about requirements for the Academy and the Audition/Artistic Review process.

Eligible applicants must complete the Audition/Artistic Review process for final selection. **The Audition/Artistic Review will be held in January.** Please visit our website: [dms.rockdaleschools.org](http://dms.rockdaleschools.org) for the date/time and requirements of the Audition/Artistic Review.

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## A Message from the Principal



Since the establishment of General Ray Davis Middle School (GRDMS), we have developed a rich history of excellence in academic, arts, and athletics. We focus on the ideals of our namesake, General Ray Davis, as we seek to inspire student excellence through integrity, strong work ethic, perseverance, and respect. Our school provides unique opportunities for our students to experience learning through the arts.

The General Ray Davis Middle School Fine Arts Academy programs offer our talented fine arts students and teachers a unique opportunity to achieve excellence in education through a passion for the arts. The superior quality of our Fine Arts program provides students with the opportunity to work with local and regional artists while maintaining a high level of artistic rigor that few programs can emulate. Our school earned the status of being named a "Title I Distinguished School" for multiple consecutive years. General Ray Davis Middle School was the first middle school in the state to earn the status of Green Ribbon School. We offer many opportunities for academic, artistic, and athletic involvement after school, and we encourage all our students to get involved at school and show their Golden Eagle pride.



Our faculty and students work tirelessly to ensure students receive the highest level of instruction as demonstrated by our assessment scores and award-winning programs. At General Ray Davis Middle School, we will continue to seek excellence and SOAR to the highest heights by working together, putting plans into action, learning from mistakes, and making changes for a better future the "Davis Way."

Yours in Education,  
Kimberly Dyer  
Principal

## Mission Statement

The Mission of General Ray Davis Middle School, dedicated to patriotism, service and integrity, is to inspire, empower, and equip all individuals to recognize and reach their unique potential the Davis Way! The Davis Way is a tradition of:

- fostering uncompromising excellence in a safe and orderly environment,
- embracing the talents, gifts, and diversity of every stakeholder, and
- instilling pride in self, school, and community.

## General Ray Davis - USMC

Our school is named for a great hero and late resident of Rockdale County, Medal of Honor winner General Ray Davis. He earned this medal and many other recognitions for exemplary service to our country. He was one of 94 men — three Georgians — to earn the Medal of Honor in the Korean War. His awards include the Navy Cross, the nation's second highest decoration for bravery, two Silver Stars, and the Bronze Star with Combat "V" for valor. He became one of the most decorated veterans in U.S. History. We are proud to be named for such a great person!



## DMS Accolades

DMS TITLE I REWARD / DISTINGUISHED SCHOOL (Top 5%)  
2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2018, 2020, 2021, 2022

### CHORUS

- Georgia All-State Chorus - 9 students selected
- GRDMS Chorale - All Superior Ratings at LGPE
- Tenor-Bass Chorus - All superior Ratings at LGPE
- GRDMS Chorale - 1st Place and Best Overall Choir, Music in the Parks Competition

### BAND

- 2022 County Honor Band - 30 students participated
- 2022 Solo & Ensemble 15 Groups Participated - All received Superior ratings
- 2021 All-State Band - Multiple students selected
- 2016-2019, 2022 Large Group Performance Evaluation (LGPE) Superior Rating
- 2019 UGA Middle School Honor Band Participants
- 2018 UGA Middle School Band Festival Participants
- 2019-2018 Most RCPS Middle School Participants at GMEA District Honor Band

### DANCE

- 2018 National Dance Alliance National Championship Bid
- 2018 National Dance Alliance Herkie Team Award
- 2018 National Dance Alliance All Americans - Three students

### STRINGS/ORCHESTRA

- 2018-2020, 2022, 2023 Large Group Performance Evaluation (LGPE) Superior Rating
- 2018-2020 All-State Middle School Orchestra - Multiple students selected
- 2018 Solo & Ensemble Superior Awards - 10 students
- 2018 Southern Star Music Festival - Silver Award
- 2023 Music in the Parks, Carowinds — 1st place middle school orchestra
- 2023 Music in the Parks, Carowinds — Best Overall Orchestra

### VISUAL ARTS

- 2023 - 2012 River of Words State Winner & Nat'l Finalist
- 2018 Georgia Manufacturing Appreciation Week Art Contest 1st Place
- 2022 and 2020 State Winner GA Art Educators Association Youth Arts Month Georgia Flag Design Semifinalists
- 2023 - 2012 GAEA Capital Art Exhibit
- 2019 - 2013 State School Board Youth Art Gallery Participant (One of 13 artworks selected in the state)
- 2020 - 2015 GA School Nutrition Association Design Contest 1st pl. State, Middle Grades 2018 - 2017 Atlantic Institute Art and Essay Contest 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 6th, 7th, 10th pl. in State
- 2022 - 2017 Georgia School Bus Safety Poster Contest 1st, 2nd, 3rd pl.
- 2020 - 2015 Nat'l Junior Duck Stamp Design Contest State Finalists
- 2020 - 2017 High Museum of Art Exhibit/Virtual Exhibit
- 2023 - 2018 Hartsfield-Jackson International Concourse Exhibit
- 2022 - 2015 Jimmy Carter NHS Postcard Design, State 1st, 2nd, 3rd pl.
- 2023-2021 DOE Georgia Day Exhibit at State School Board 2021 GA Historical Society GA Day Art Competition 1st-3rd pl. 6th, 7th and 8th gr.
- 2021 KSU Youth Art Gallery Exhibit, Zuckermand Museum of Art
- 2023-2022 Judicial Council of Georgia Law Day Art Contest 1st Place in State
- 2021 Georgia Council on Economic Education Art Contest - 1st Place in State

### PHOTOGRAPHY

- 2015-2022 Georgia Student Technology Competition State Level Winners
- 2015-2022 East Atlanta Student Technology Conference Winners
- 2015-2022 Conyers-Rockdale Council for the Arts Cherry Blossom Photography Contest
- 2021-2022 Hartsfield Atlanta Airport Youth Art Gallery Exhibit
- 2019-2022 GAEA Capital Art Exhibit
- 2017-2019 DMS Car Photography Show

### FILM-VIDEO PRODUCTION

- 2015-2019 GA Student Media Festival State Level, Best in Show, and Superior Winners
- 2015-2018 DMS Student Media Festival
- 2015-2022 Georgia Student Technology State Competition Multiple Winners
- 2015-2022 East Atlanta Student Technology Conference
- 2016-2022 National History Day Documentary State and National Winners

## Additional Academic Services

- Program Challenge
- Foreign Languages
- Academic Tutorial & Acceleration
- National Junior Honor Society
- Tri-M Music Honor Society