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, piano, photography, video and visual arts;
- Integration of arts across other content areas: math, science, language arts, 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 2020-21 School Choice programs. **No paper applications will be accepted.** Students may apply for one School Choice program only for the 2020-21 school year.

The application window is **November 15 - December 20, 2019.** The online application will be available on the district website at: [rockdaleschools.org](http://rockdaleschools.org)

The Student Registration Office at 1143 West Avenue will provide assistance to access the online application if needed, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m., on a first come, first served basis. Only complete applications will be accepted.

Eligibility Criteria

- Students must meet the student registration requirement for Rockdale County Public Schools.
- Students and parents must agree to the Choice contract.

Audition/Artistic Review

Please plan to attend the Parent Information Session on October 8, 2019 to learn about requirements for audition/artistic review process. Eligible applicants must complete the audition/artistic review process for final selection. **The audition/artistic review date is January 11, 2020.**
A Message from the Principal

Our Academy for Performing and Visual Arts programs offer our talented fine arts students and teachers a unique opportunity to achieve excellence in education through a passion for the arts. 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. Our Milestone Assessments continue to lead the district and our Fine Arts program continue to be recognized at the local, state, and national level. The quality of our Fine Arts program provide students with the opportunity to work with local and regional artists while maintaining a high level of artistic rigor that few programs are able to emulate. General Ray Davis Middle School was the first middle school in the state to earn the status of Green Ribbon School. Our student athletes continue to be role models in the classroom and are competitive in every sport. We offer many opportunities for academic, artistic, and athletic involvement after school and we encourage all of our students to get involved at school and show their school pride.

General Ray Davis Middle School opened in 2006 and already has a rich history of excellence in academics, arts, and athletics. We focus on the ideals of our namesake, General Ray Davis, as we seek to meet our mission of student excellence through integrity, strong work ethic, perseverance, and respect. Our school is such a special place, providing unique opportunities for our students to experience learning through the arts. 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.

Sincerely,
Scott T. Stanton, Principal

Mission Statement

The Mission of General Ray Davis Middle School, an academy dedicated to patriotism, service and integrity, is to inspire, empower, and equip all individuals to recognize and reach their unique potential by:

• Demanding excellence;
• Providing a safe and orderly environment;
• Respecting each person’s individuality;
• Celebrating the strength of diversity in our global society;
• Instilling pride in self, school and community;
• Utilizing the talents and gifts of every stakeholder;
• Challenging students to lead socially useful, purposeful lives;
• Encouraging all who enter our halls to take ownership in our mission...the Davis Way!

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 SCHOOL (Top 5% - Achievement)

CHORUS
Large Group Performance Evaluation (LGPE) Superior Ratings 2016, 2017, 2018
2018 All-State Chorus - 11 students selected

BAND
2018 UGA 8th Grade Honor Band - Nine students selected
2017 UGA Middle School Band Festival Participants
2017 District Honor Band Participants
Large Group Performance Evaluation (LGPE) Superior Ratings 2016, 2017, 2018
Solo and Ensemble Participants Superior Ratings
2018 Southern Star Music Festival - Sweepstakes Winners, Director’s Award to Mr. Darvin McRoy
2017 Southern Star Music Festival - Gold and Silver Recipients, Sweepstakes Winners

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 All-State Orchestra - Three students selected
2018 Solo & Ensemble Superior Awards - Ten students
2018 Southern Star Music Festival - Silver Award

VISUAL ARTS
2019 - 2012 River of Words State Winner & Nat’l Finalist 2018
2018 Georgia Manufacturing Appreciation Week Art Contest
2017 - 2014 State Winner Georgia Art Educators Association Youth Arts Month Georgia Flag Design Semifinalists
2019 - 2012 GAEA Capital Art Exhibit
2015 - 2013 State School Board Youth Art Gallery Participant (One of 13 artworks selected in the state)
2019 - 2015 Georgia School Nutrition Association Design Contest 1st pl. State, Middle Grades
2018 - 2017 Atlantic Institute Art and Essay Contest 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 6th, 7th and 10th pl. in State
2019 - 2015 Nat’l Junior Duck Stamp Design Contest State Finalists
2018 - 2017 High Museum of Art Exhibit
2019 - 2016 Hartsfield-Jackson International Concours Exhibit

PHOTOGRAPHY
Georgia Student Technology Competition State Level
East Atlanta Student Technology Conference
Conyers Rockdale Council for the Arts Cherry Blossom Photography Contest
Capital Art Show 2019
DMS Car Photography Show

FILM-VIDEO PRODUCTION
Georgia Student Media Festival State level
DMS Student Media Festival
Georgia Student Technology State Competition
East Atlanta Student Technology Conference

Additional Academic Services

Program Challenge
Foreign Languages
Academic Tutorial & Acceleration

National Junior Honor Society
Tri-M Music Honor Society