

**Can students take classes from other conservatories? For instance, can a theater student take a dance class?**

Yes, but usually space is not available in their schedule until the student's junior year. Each year the student is required to take 2 credits in their Conservatory. We always try to also fill all of the credits required for graduation in the first couple of years. If a student comes in with High school credits, this allows them to try other conservatory classes earlier.

**What is total school enrollment?**

About 585 currently.

**What school do you partner for sports?**

MLK Magnet High school

**How many students are in each classroom?**

Anywhere from 13-30 depending on the classes. English and Math classes are usually our largest at 27-30.

**I heard you mention dual enrollment. I assume dual enrollment courses are available. Which university?**

Yes, they are offered through Nashville State Community College. We offer all sorts of AP classes including AP Literature, AP Psychology, AP Human Geography and AP US History

**Is there a set number of AP classes expected for each student to take?**

No. We do not limit or require a certain amount of AP classes.

**If I don't have a background in Chorus & reading music does that hurt my chances of getting into NSA?**

That's OK. Our Conservatory Directors know what to look for despite any lack of experience.

**Will I be able to submit a play script as part of my three other works for the Literary Arts conservatory? The website didn't specify if I could.**

I believe you can but please contact that Conservatory's Director, Carolyn DuBois, at [caroline.dubois@mnps.org](mailto:caroline.dubois@mnps.org).

**Would I be able to continue with Band even if I'm in the Literary Arts conservatory?**

We usually have students focus on the chosen conservatory and graduation requirements their first two years of school here. However, if there is room in your schedule, there is a possibility you could take a band class. This usually doesn't happen until Junior Year.

**Can you talk a little bit about the guitar program?**

Please visit [Guitar - Nashville School of the Arts \(mnps.org\)](http://Guitar-NashvilleSchooloftheArts(mnps.org)) for more information on the Guitar Conservatory.

**Once I pick a conservatory do I have to stay with it if my interest changes?**

You can change but it is a process. We encourage students to stay in their originally chosen conservatory. If they must change, we recommend not doing after their Sophomore year.

**About how many students in each class...Freshman, Sophomore, etc?**

About 130 in freshman class, 160 in sophomore class, 170 in Junior class and about 120 in senior class.

**Can we use our phones?**

It depends on the class and the teacher's rules.

**Do we use uniforms?**

No dress code other than dressing appropriately.

**And can we stay after school to study/library?**

Usually NSA does not have after-school activities unless there is an upcoming show or performance. We sometimes offer tutoring but it is by Teacher and on certain days.

For after school opportunities, Rocketown offers some after school programs. Please visit: [Rocketown and Sixth Avenue Skatepark: Nashville, TN :: About | Rocketown & Sixth Avenue Skatepark](#)

**What about foreign language classes and credits?**

The state of Tennessee requires two years of one language back to back to graduate. We offer Spanish 1, 2 and 3 and French 1 and 2.

**What other schools are on the campus?**

We share a campus with STEM Prep High and STEM Prep Middle School. TN Homeland Security is also on our campus.

**Is there a violin classes?**

We do not have a specific violin class but offer strings classes.

For example piano and violin duos? We do often have collaborations between conservatories.

**Can you please explain how you share your campus with two other schools?**

The other schools let out at different times and operate completely separately from our school.

**My child is interested in coming to NSA but he is a current freshman. Would that be a problem?**

No, they would just apply normally just like the current 8<sup>th</sup> graders.

**Do you still have traditional high school things like homecoming, dances, prom, etc?**

We do not offer traditional homecoming, but we do offer prom and other dances. We even participate in Spirit weeks.

**What are the options for Athletics or how does that work ?**

We join with MLK Magnet for sports. Our PE teacher often posts when tryouts are throughout the year. You can also contact MLK to get the schedule.

**Are there clubs at NSA? If so, what are they?**

There is a list of clubs offered on our website. Under the "Students" section. We meet for clubs once a month on a Thursday during our SET block.

**For theater performance musicals, do you use the orchestra, or a soundtrack for the music?**

Yes. We use a live band for our Musical Productions.

**Is NSA a lottery school, or are the students handpicked?**

Students are picked based on an audition. Every student that applies for NSA gets the opportunity to audition.

**How many students are you accepting per conservatory this year?**

It's different every year and per conservatory. We cannot predict how many students will try out for each Conservatory until all of the auditions are in and completed.

**Is there cheerleading and sports like basketball and football?**

Sports are all done through MLK Magnet and are available based on what is available there.

**I noticed that Spanish 1 was the only Spanish option for freshmen. Is there a way for freshmen who've already taken this course through their middle school to apply to or to take Spanish 2 ?**

Yes. You will need to contact your current Middle School Counselor to add it to your academic plan or contact your Counselor for next year.

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10<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> Grade Counselor for 2022-23: [Allison.Riebel@mnps.org](mailto:Allison.Riebel@mnps.org)

**Is electric guitar ok for auditioning for the guitar conservatory?**

I would imagine so but to be sure, contact [ryan.murphey@mnps.org](mailto:ryan.murphey@mnps.org) and ask him.

**Approximately how many students are in the orchestra?**

20-30, for now.

**May you explain more about the Dance Conservatory?**

Please visit [Dance - Nashville School of the Arts \(mnps.org\)](http://Dance-NashvilleSchooloftheArts.mnps.org) for that information.

**Does your Spanish program include AP Spanish?**

No, not currently.

**Do grades matter when it comes to getting into the school?**

Yes, grades do matter here as in any MNPS school. However, we do not have a grade prerequisite to attend our school.

**How exactly do you pick who gets in based off of the applications, if you don't use the lottery system?**

We pick based on audition. Everyone must audition to attend our school and everyone who applies for NSA gets an opportunity to audition.

