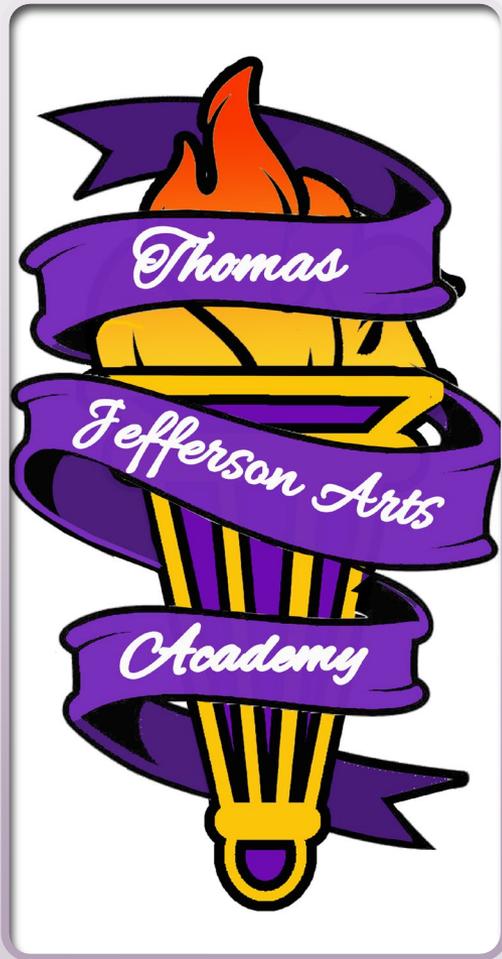


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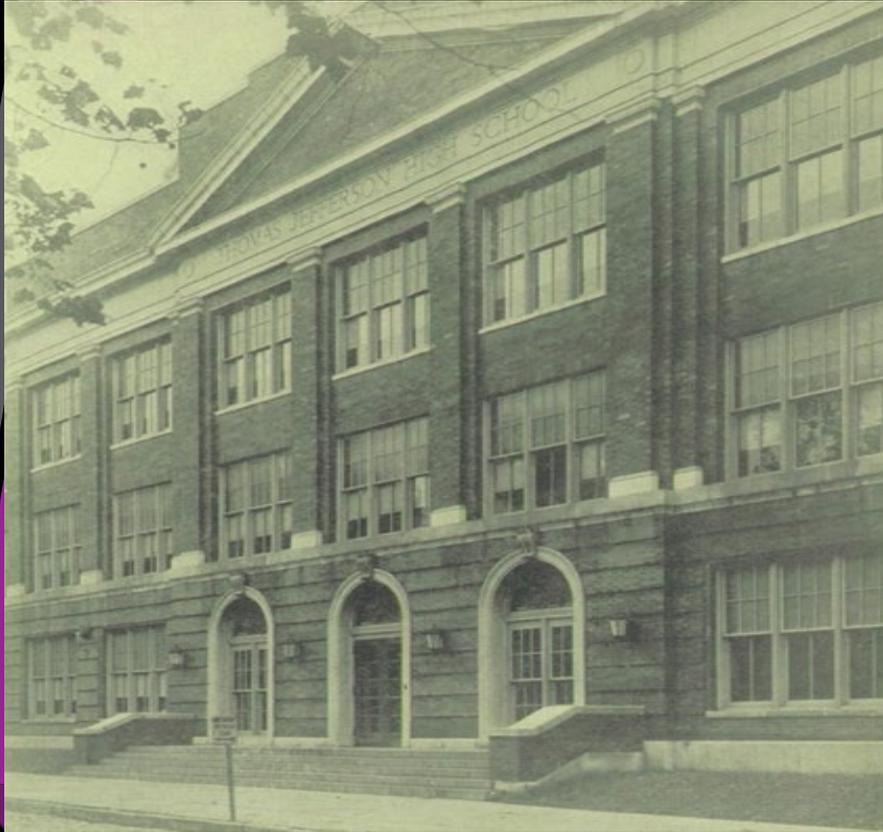
- Jameela Abdus-Salaam, Guidance
- Natasha Carter, Guidance
- Dayana Gil, Guidance
- Cindy Goncalves, Guidance
- Imani Lewars, Guidance
- Edson Martinez, Social Worker
- YES Program

# Our Mission

*To inspire young artists to think, learn, achieve, and care.*



# OUR STORY



Thomas Jefferson Arts Academy

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INTEGRITY • RESPONSIBILITY • EXCELLENCE

# Auditions for Early Admission

April 05, 2025  
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- Brief video explaining why they are interested in studying BM

- **Graphic Design**

- Portfolio: Sample Drawings and/or Adobe work

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- Dance, Vocal, Instrumental

- **Theater**

- Solo performance (Poem reading, Disney monologue, etc.)
- Technical Theater

- **Visual Arts**

- Portfolio: Sketch book, drawings, pictures, sculptures

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**AUDITIONS**

**SATURDAY**  
**APRIL 05, 2025**  
**&**  
**APRIL 12, 2025**  
**9:00 AM - 3:00 PM**

Broadcast Media Production  
Performing Arts  
Dance  
Instrumental Music  
Theater  
Graphic Design

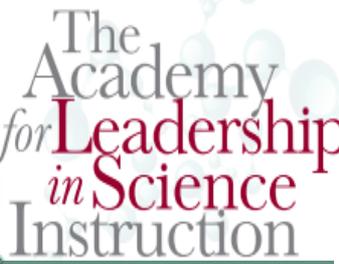
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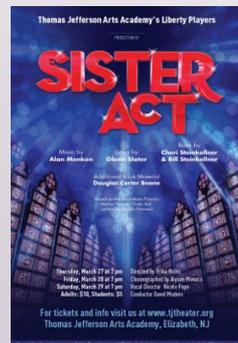
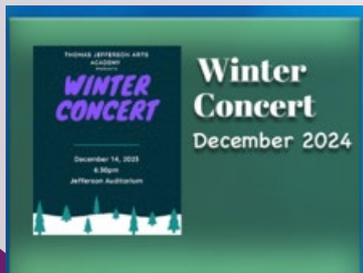
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**RECOGNIZED FOR  
ACADEMIC RIGOR**



# 2024-2025 Performance



# ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

Only 9 unexcused absences are permitted per class.



Exceeding 9 absences will result in possible loss of credits.



We offer Saturday Attendance Recovery for all students.



Students will be required to attend summer school and/or recover the class/es on Saturday or after school.

# Thomas Jefferson Arts Academy

## Broadcasting Media Production

- Produce, edit, direct film/video
- Cameras and Lighting
- Video Editing

## Graphic Design

- Digital images
- Advertisement
- Personalization

## Performing Arts

- Dance
- Vocal
- Instrumental

## Theater

- Performance
- Technical Theater

## Visual Arts

- Drawing, Painting
- Sculpture
- Commercial Photography

# 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Annex

## Student Schedules & Expectations

### List Schedule

Exp	Trm	Crs-Sec	Course Name	Teacher	Room	Enroll	Leave
1-2(A-E)	24-25	N012-34	English I	DeMilia, Alisa Lauren	FJC361	10/11/2024	06/25/2025
3-4(A-E)	24-25	N222-14	Geometry	Betances, Ivelisse	FJC307	10/11/2024	06/25/2025
5(A-E)	24-25	N2726-13	Biology with Lab 5 credits	Saghir, Rubina	FJC309	10/11/2024	06/25/2025
6(A-E)	24-25	N810-378	Physical Education Health I	Rosen, Patricia	FJCGym	10/11/2024	06/25/2025
7(A-E)	24-25	NLUNCH-5	Lunch	Lunch, Teacher	FJCCAF	10/11/2024	06/25/2025
8(A-E)	24-25	N122-11	World History Culture	Varga, Richard	FJC303	10/11/2024	06/25/2025

### List Schedule

Exp	Trm	Crs-Sec	Course Name	Teacher	Room	Enroll	Leave
1(A-E)	24-25	N120A-125	World History AP	Carnevale, Joseph	FJC360	09/06/2024	06/25/2025
2(A-E)	24-25	N001A-91	AVID 9	Millheim, Timothy	FJC359	09/06/2024	06/25/2025
3(A-E)	24-25	N011-248	English I Honors	Brown, Quiana	FJC301	09/06/2024	06/25/2025
4(A-E)	24-25	N2716-161	Biology Honors 5 credits	Jagot, Sabrina	FJC312	09/06/2024	06/25/2025
5(A-E)	24-25	N810-373	Physical Education Health I	Cohen, Brad	FJCGYM	09/06/2024	06/25/2025
6(A-E)	24-25	N636-82	Drama I	Toll, Sandra	J103	09/26/2024	06/25/2025
7(A-E)	24-25	NLTT-22	Lunch Time Tutoring ARP	Jagot, Sabrina	FJC312	03/10/2025	06/25/2025
7(A-E)	24-25	NLUNCH-5	Lunch	Lunch, Teacher	FJCCAF	09/06/2024	06/25/2025
8(A-E)	24-25	N231-234	Algebra II Honors	Marquez Sotelo, Brenda	FJC305	09/06/2024	06/25/2025



# AP Courses

- AP World History
- AP US History
- AP Statistics
- AP Pre-Calculus
- AP Calculus
- AP Biology
- AP English Language
- AP English Literature & Composition
- AP Spanish Language
- AP Studio Art Drawing 3D
- AP Studio Art 2D
- AP Studio Art Drawing

Classes tend to be fast-paced and cover more material than typical high school honors classes.

Students who do well on AP Exams can earn credit and/or placement into advanced courses in college.

# AVID



- AVID 09
- AVID 10
- AVID 11
- AVID 12

- Focused on preparing students to become college and career ready
- AVID 9 – 11 – BigFuture, Upward Bound, etc.
- AVID 12 – help Seniors with application, FAFSA, HESAA, scholarships
- Closely monitor the students
- AVID celebration each marking period
- End of the year event

# ADDITIONAL PROGRAMS

- **Dual Enrollment with Kean University**
  - Drama
  - Dance
- **Industry Certification**
  - Graphic Design - Adobe Photoshop
  - Broadcast Media Production - Adobe Premiere
- **Student Workshops**
  - Record High Prudential Center of NJ (Music)
  - Kean University Choir/Music Department
  - Carolyn Dorfman Dance Company

## THEATER PARTNERSHIPS

Speech & Theater Association of NJ

NJIT – Rutgers Theater Department

Two River Theater Red Bank of NJ

The Theater Project Professional  
Theater Company

American Theater Group

Shakespeare Theater of NJ

Elizabeth Youth Theater Ensemble

# Graduation Requirements

## 120 Credits

- 4 Years of English and Physical Education,
- 3 years Math, Science
- 3 Years of History
- 2 Years World Language
- 1 Year Visual Art
- CTE Education
- State Assessment
- SAT
- Personal Finance
- 60 Community Service Hours
- FAFSA



# Graduation Requirements

Cohort Year	Credits	Community Service Hours	Testing
9th	30	20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>NJSLA (ELA &amp; MATH)</li></ul>
10th	30	15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>PSAT</li></ul>
11th	30	15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>NJSLA (SCIENCE)</li><li>NJGPA</li><li>SAT</li></ul>
12th	30	10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>SAT</li><li>NJGPA (if necessary)</li><li>Portfolios (if necessary)</li></ul>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>60</b>	

# College & career readiness

## Classroom Visits

Classroom Visits	
9th	HIB High school expectations
10th	Graduation requirements Attendance, etc.
11th	Testing Requirements College Process College Prep Scholars Program SEEDS Candidates SCOIR
12th	College/Career Readiness Scholarships FAFSA/HESAA

## School Day Trips

- Steven Institute of Technology
- Fairleigh Dickinson University
- Drew University
- Rutgers University (Equal Opportunity Fund)
- Rider University
- HBCU College Fair-Raritan Valley Community College

## College Visits

- Berkley College
- Kean University
- New Jersey City University
- Rutgers University Newark Campus
- The College of New Jersey
- Montclair State University

## Instant Decision Day

- Kean University
- New Jersey City University
- Bloomfield College of Montclair State University

# Extracurricular Activities

## Afterschool Clubs

- A Capella Chorus
- Book Club
- Creative Writing Club
- Dance Club-NHSDA\*
- Drama Club
- Jefferson Amped Club
- Jeff SOuL
- Jeff Spirit Club
- National Honor Society
- Science Club
- Skills USA Club
- TV Production Club
- Visual Arts Club
- Yearbook Club

## Athletics-District Wide



2024-2025

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**CLUB FAIR**

**SEPTEMBER 19, 2024**  
**JEFFERSON STUDENT CAFETERIA 2:30-3:15**

* Acapella Chorus	_____	<i>Mrs. Cubias</i>
* Book Club	_____	<i>Ms. Piegaro</i>
* Dance Club/NHSDA	_____	<i>Mrs. Monaco</i>
* Drama Club	_____	<i>Ms. Toll</i>
* Jefferson Amped	_____	<i>Dr. Sabet</i>
* National Honor Society	_____	<i>Ms. Jameela Abdus Salaam</i>
* Podcast Club	_____	<i>Ms. Satterfield</i>
* Science Club	_____	<i>Mrs. Saghir</i>
* Skills USA Club	_____	<i>Mrs. Rivera</i>
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* Visual Arts Club	_____	<i>Ms. Pineiro</i>
* Writing Club	_____	<i>Mr. Mortensen</i>
* Yearbook Club	_____	<i>Mrs. Rivera</i>
* SOUL Club	_____	<i>Mr. Martinez</i>

# What School Counselors & Social Workers Do

Assess students to determine areas they may require help, counseling, or other services and support

Individual, family, and group counselling sessions for students, parents, teachers, and school faculty

Education for parents and school staff regarding student issues, such as bullying, learning difficulties, and peer pressure challenges

Conduct mediation meetings with students having conflicts with other students, teachers, staff

Refer students and parents to community support services and agencies

Advocate on behalf of the school, staff, students, and parents to community services



## YES Program

- Individual Counseling
- Group Counseling
- Family Services
- Preventative Mental Health
- Pregnancy Support
- Career Counseling
- Learning Support
- Seminar Workshops
- Life Skills Training
- Summer Program: Recreation and Community Service
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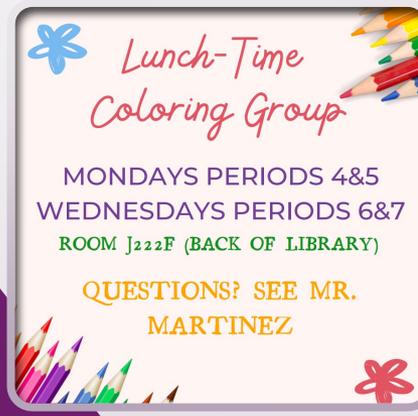
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***Studio Programs  
Visits during 8<sup>th</sup>  
Grade  
information night***

***Ground Floor***

Room J002	Dance
Room J006	Graphic Design
Room J017	Visual Arts
Room J022	Broadcast Media

***1<sup>st</sup> Floor***

Auditorium	Theatre/Drama
Room J118	Graphic Design

***2<sup>nd</sup> Floor***

Art Wing (J203)	Questions/Answers with Staff <i>Preguntas/Respuestas en Español</i>
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***3<sup>rd</sup> Floor***

Room J318	Vocal/Instrumental Music
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# Questions

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