

Corey and Jones Academies of Fine Arts and Dual Language FAQs

What will be different about this school than a traditional school?

Corey and Jones Academies of Fine Arts and Dual Language are unique programs that offer relevant, vigorous learning experiences for elementary students. Each year, a new cohort of kindergarten students are accepted into these two programs, and students will advance through the academy together from Corey or Jones to the academy of fine arts and dual language at Gunn Junior High and Arlington High School.

Students at these academies receive both fine arts instruction and second language acquisition to help them increase cognitive abilities, improve thinking and verbal skills, enhance motor skills and problem-solving ability, improve SAT scores and more. All students will receive second-language acquisition (Spanish) as well as “All Arts for All” instruction.

How do I decide which school to apply for?

The boundary map for the two academies splits the district in half along Pioneer Parkway/Spur 303. All Arlington ISD addresses north of Pioneer Parkway/Spur 303 are zoned to attend Jones Academy, and all AISD addresses south of Pioneer Parkway/Spur 303 are zoned to attend Corey Academy. Students can apply to multiple specialized programs but will have to rank your choices first, second and third when completing the application.

What languages will my child learn?

Both academies have English and Spanish in the dual language program. It will be delivered as a partial immersion, 50/50 two-teacher dual language model. The core instruction will be 50 percent in English and 50 percent in Spanish, with math and science primarily being taught in Spanish beginning in kindergarten. This means that Spanish is the language used to teach math and science rather than Spanish being taught as a stand-alone subject area. As students matriculate through the grades, an increase of time is given for Spanish literacy. In addition, students in grades 2-4 will also participate in a Chinese Mandarin class within the Foreign Language in Elementary Schools (FLES) program.

What fine arts classes are taught here?

Students who are admitted into the Fine Arts/Dual Language academies will receive “All Arts for All” instruction for the fine arts portion of the academy in kindergarten through fourth grade. There will be a rotation for all of the K-4 academy students in: piano as a foundation piece, general music including choir/preparatory instruments, visual art, dance and drama. These students will receive arts-specific instruction each week. Classroom teachers also integrate arts in core instruction to help students make connections, often bringing learning to life for students. Once students reach fifth grade, they will choose a specialization in visual art, strings, piano, voice, dance or drama.

How do I apply and when is the deadline?

Applications will be available at www.aisd.net/specializedprograms for incoming kindergarten students beginning at 9 a.m. on Saturday, September 21. Applications are due by October 11, 2019 at 4 p.m.

On rare occasions, there are limited openings for first-grade students to enter the program and that application window is open generally in the Spring. The academies are intended for students to begin as a cohort in kindergarten and remain in the program through high school.

What grades are accepted into this program?

Both academies accept incoming kindergarten students as part of a cohort that will advance through fifth grade and then transition to the Gunn Academy of Fine Arts and Dual Language and then to Arlington High School.

How and when do I know if I was accepted?

Parents will receive a decision letter by email by November 12, 2019 and will have until November 15, 2019 to respond.

Is the program free?

Yes. There is no cost to attend either fine arts/dual language academy.

Is there transportation?

Yes. Transportation will be available for students who live more than two miles from the fine arts/dual language academy they are zoned to attend. Transportation will not be door-to-door but will utilize a hub system. Corey Academy students' hubs have previously been: Beckham, Bebensee, Fitzgerald, Foster, Hale, Key, Little, Miller, Morton, Remyse and Short elementaries. Jones Academy students' hubs have previously been: Adams, Ellis, Duff, Hill, Knox, Sherrod, Webb and Wimbish elementaries.

How many students are accepted versus how many people apply each year?

Each school has the capacity to accept approximately 96 kindergarten students. On average, that is 192 total available seats for new students. Historically there have been approximately 500 student applications received.

What are the qualifications you are looking for to be accepted?

The process the district uses to determine eligibility for enrollment includes opening a special window for applications which will be from September 21 – October 11, 2019. A multi-member committee of educators independently and blindly scores each application. Application scores are totaled and ranked for admission.

Weighted consideration is also given to students who are proficient in the Spanish language and have siblings currently enrolled in the program.

Do you accept out of district students?

Admission to students who reside outside of Arlington ISD boundaries will be offered only after all resident applicants have been placed. However, out-of-district siblings of current students in the Fine Arts/Dual Language program are exempt from this requirement. Weighted consideration is also given to students who have siblings currently in the program and those who are proficient in the Spanish language.

Are there other schools I can go to if I don't get into this one?

Yes, the Arlington ISD has other [specialized programs](#) that you can apply for at the same time as you apply for Corey and Jones Academies. You must rank your choices first, second and third when completing the application.

Are there any information meetings and is attending an information meeting required?

During the applications process there will be several parent information meetings where the principals will review the design of the program, outline expectations for participation and discuss the categories that will be weighted during the application process. Attending a meeting is not required for admission.

Parents can learn about Corey and Jones and also the other elementary specialized programs at a parent information meeting:

Wednesday, September 25, 2019

Arlington ISD Professional Development Center
1111 W. Arbrook Blvd. in Arlington.
6 p.m. – 7 p.m.

Additional parent information meetings specifically about Corey and Jones are:

Tuesday, October 1, 2019

Jones Academy of Fine Arts and Dual Language
2001 Van Buren Drive in Arlington
6 p.m. – 7 p.m.

Tuesday, October 8, 2019

Corey Academy of Fine Arts and Dual Language
5200 Kelly Elliott Road in Arlington
6 p.m. – 7 p.m.

Is there after-school care available?

Yes. Jones Academy offers the Boys and Girls Club on site for after-school care and Corey Academy offers Tarrant County Kids/Girls, Inc. on site for after-school care.

Who do I contact for more information?

To learn more about the Corey or Jones Academies of Fine Arts and Dual Language, or any of Arlington ISD's specialized programs, go to www.aisd.net/specializedprograms or email specialprograms@aisd.net.