2024-2025 Profile



CONTACT INFORMATION

Superintendent of Schools
Dr. Olga Hugelmeyer

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SCHOOL RECOGNITION

Selected as Model School in the Arts by the NJ Arts Education Partnership as well as recognized in the Washington Post's Challenge Index of NJ High Schools, and the Grammy Signature Schools Community Award. Widest variety of performing and visual arts curriculum of any high school in Union County, NJ. Partnerships with Paper Mill Playhouse, the Visual Arts Center of New Jersey, Elizabeth Youth Theatre Ensemble (EYTE), The Theater Project, Montclair State University, NJIT and other organizations.

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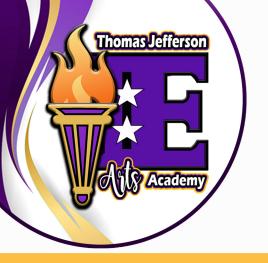
HISTORY

The school was first built in 1928 as an all-boys high school and named for the primary author of the Declaration of Independence and the third president of the United States. The school is now a high school academy located in the heart of Elizabeth's business distric. It is the center for the district's visual and performing arts programs serving over 1,000 students. Our arts programs develop students' senses of aesthetics and personal expression to further refine their creative talents. Thomas Jefferson Arts Academy maintains a treasured past, a bright future, and a deep commitment to our shared mission: to provide excellent education experience and services that will inspire every student to think, to learn, to achieve, and to care.

SCHOOL COUNSELORS

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CEEB code: 310306



SCHOOL INFORMATION

Students in the class 290

Counselor caseload 230

Percent of students who participate in low-income programs 81%

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

120 credits are required for graduation.
Full year courses receive 5 or 10
credits, for single or double period classes.

SUBJECT REQUIREMENTS

- ✓ 4 Years English (20 credits)
- ✓ 3 Years Mathematics (15 credits)
- ✓ 3 Years Science (15 credits)
- 4 Years Physical Education /Health (20 credits)

- √ 3 Years History (15 credits)
- ✓ 2 Years World Language (10 credits)
- 1 Year Visual and Performing Arts (5 credits)
- √ 1 Year Personal Finance (2.5 credits)
- √ 1 Year Career and Technical Education (5 credits)

GRADE SCALE

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LETTER	PERCENT	GPA	Honors/AP
A +	97 – 100	4.35	5.35
A	93 – 96	4.0	5.0
A-	90 – 92	3.65	4.65
B+	87 – 89	3.35	4.35
В	83 – 86	3.0	4.0
B-	80 – 82	2.65	3.65
C+	77 – 79	2.35	3.35
C	73 – 76	2.0	3.0
C-	70 – 72	1.65	2.65
D+	67 – 69	1.35	2.35
D	63 – 66	1.0	2.0
F	0 - 62	0	0
1	Incomplete		
X	Doctor's Excuse		
W	Withdraw		

CLASS OF 2024

Attending a 4-year college 50%
Attending a 2-year college
24%
Pursuing career,
military,
gap year
26%

AP BY THE NUMBERS

327 exams given

12 courses offered

14% score of 3

7% score of 4

1% score of 5



TJAA COURSE OFFERINGS

English:

English I, II, III, IV, English I Honors, English II Honors, English Language (AP),
English Literature and Composition (AP)

Mathematics:

Geometry, Geometry Honors, Algebra I Advanced, Algebra II, Algebra II Honors, Pre-Calculus, Pre-Calculus (AP), Calculus AB (AP), Statistics (AP)

Social Studies:

World History Culture, World History (AP), US History I, US History I Honors, US History II, US History II Honors, US History (AP)

Science:

Biology, Biology Honors, Biology (AP), Chemistry, Chemistry Honors, Environmental Science, Environmental Science Honors

Physical Education/Health Education: Physical Education/Health I, II, III, IV

World Language:

Spanish I, II, Spanish Language (AP), French I, II, III

Visual and Performing Arts:

Drawing/Painting I, II, Drawing/Painting III & IV Honors, Sculpture I, II, Studio Art 2D (AP) & Drawing (AP), Drama I, II, Drama III & IV Honors, Dance I, II, Dance III & IV Honors, Chorus I, II, Chorus III & IV Honors, Concert Band I, II, Concert Band III & IV Honors, Guitar I, II, Guitar III & IV Honors

Career and Technical Education:

Music Technology I, II, Theater Technology, Set Design & Woodworking, Graphic Design I, II, III, IV, Broadcast Media Production I, II, III, Film & Video Production IV Honors, Commercial Photography I, II, III Commercial Photography III & IV Honors, AVID 9, 10, 11, 12,

TJAA CLUBS

- * Acapella Chorus
- * Book Club
- * Dance Club/NHSDA
- * Drama Club
- * Jefferson Amped
- * National Honor Society
- * Podcast Club
- * Science Club
- * Skills USA Club
- * Broadcast Media Club
- * Visual Arts Club/NAHS
- * Writing Club
- * Yearbook Club
- * SOUL Club