

How to Apply to AVPA

If you're new to AVPA . . .

1. Parent/Guardian: fill out the online **Registration & Volunteer Form for New Applicants** (all links can be found at www.avpa.org - "apply" tab)
2. Complete the application materials attached to this form and submit to AVPA by mail or in person. You may also use the online forms for the Essay and Recommendation.
3. **Essay** (required for Art, optional for Dance, Film, Music, Theatre) (student can submit online)
4. **Recommendation** (may also be submitted online – send link to person you ask to recommend you)
5. **Transcript or report card** from most recent academic year
6. **Download Parent/Student Handbook** – turn in signature page (find at www.avpa.org - "apply" tab)
7. Review **Audition Requirements** (included in this packet) and schedule an interview/audition with the Creative Director of the department you wish to major in (your primary department)

If you're returning to AVPA . . .

1. Parent/Guardian: fill out the online **Returning Student Registration Form** (find at www.avpa.org - "apply" tab)
2. Review **Audition Requirements** and schedule an interview/audition with the Creative Director of your primary department

What's required once you have been accepted . . .

1. If new, register for the **AVPA Bulletin Board** at www.avpa.org (parents and students only)
2. Complete forms (if applicable) for **West Los Angeles College** courses (given to you by your Creative Director)
3. Enroll in 7th period for Art, Film, Music, or Theatre (will be done by your Creative Director)

What else you need to do . . .

1. **Donations to AVPA Foundation help support all the opportunities AVPA provides each student in each department** (use donation form or donate online)
 - a. Suggested \$100 per semester to your primary department (\$200 annual total for Dance, Film, Music, Theatre)
 - b. Art - \$50 for donation, \$50 for materials (\$100 annual total)
 - c. \$300 donation by Oct 1 – you receive one season pass (does not include Java Gala)
 - d. \$500 donation by Oct 1 – you receive two season passes (does not include Java Gala)
 - e. Donations above and beyond the minimum request for each department can be given to the AVPA Foundation General Fund or the department's restricted fund
 - f. Materials, uniforms, festival fees, transportation, and other financial commitments may be necessary, but does not restrict participation (fundraising!)
2. Parents and Guardians: **Please volunteer!** The AVPA Foundation coordinates many of the activities that support each department. Your help is essential and appreciated!
3. Communicate with your Creative Director regarding required materials and commitments for acceptance into the department, as well as attendance and any membership issues.
4. Use the **AVPA Bulletin Board** and www.avpa.org for updates and communications.
5. "Like" and "follow" us on Facebook and Twitter (cchsavpa and Culver City High School Academy of Visual & Performing Arts on Facebook; @cchsavpa on Twitter).
6. Be sure to join our Spotlight Newsletter and Digital Postcard email list (will be added from the online Registration & Volunteer Form). Email info@avpa.org if you'd like to be added.

Your acceptance into AVPA is based on completion of all the required forms, as well as your audition and interview with the Creative Director. Incomplete materials may result in being declined membership in the AVPA program.

Welcome to AVPA!

ESSAY

(to be completed by new applicant – required for Art, optional for Dance, Film, Music, Theatre)

You may submit this essay online – go to www.avpa.org - “apply” tab – or attach a separate page

Respond to the following questions:

1) What is Art?

2) Explain why you are interested in the arts.

3) Please list any experience you have in the arts.

Print Name of Applicant: _____ Date: _____

Primary Department Applying to (circle one): ART DANCE FILM MUSIC THEATRE

Please mail or email this form to:

**Culver City High School AVPA
attn: Dr. Tony Spano
4401 Elenda St, Culver City, CA 90230**

tonyspano@avpa.org

For information on how to joining AVPA, please join us on August 27!

AVPA Orientation & Information Meeting on Thursday, August 27, 7pm, Robert Frost Auditorium



Please visit www.avpa.org for more information!

2015-2016 AVPA Audition Requirements

General Auditions also take place during the second week of school this fall.

ART

For all NEW AVPA Art Students: Portfolio reviews and interviews as scheduled with Creative Director. Please note: the times/dates scheduled for interviews will need to be arranged after school hours and upon availability.

Please bring to the interview a portfolio of work including 5-10 art pieces of your choice. Your artwork should reflect your interests in visual art. You can include a sketchbook, too.

For all RETURNING AVPA Art Students: Portfolio reviews and interviews as scheduled with Creative Director. You must bring a portfolio of all completed artwork from CCHS ONLY including a sketchbook. Please be prepared to answer questions regarding your participation with fundraisers, specialized programs, activities, competitions, outside classes in art, workshops including the semester college classes. You will be assigned a date/time and notified via email during the Spring semester. Because of the large number of returning students, special requests cannot be accommodated. All interviews are mandatory if you are interested in AVPA for the 2015-16 school year. If you have further questions, please contact Kristine Hatanaka at kristinehatanaka@ccusd.org, Room 1.

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MUSIC

Returning and New students in Instrumental Music: prepare a short excerpt of music that best demonstrates your technical and musical abilities (from a solo, etude, ensemble piece, etc.). You will be asked to perform major and minor scales – please be prepared to play requested scales from memory. Interview will take place along with the music audition. Sign up at Orientation or at Room 94.

Returning and New students in Vocal Music:

1. **Vocal Auditions:** All vocalists wishing to audition for AVPA Music Department must attend the general audition scheduled for Sept 1. **Please note:** this is for all AVPA students who wish to become a member of the music company (**major or minor**) and for featured vocalist positions with all ensembles. Please prepare a short excerpt (32 bars preferred) of a standard musical theatre or classical work. You will perform this after the general audition at 4:30pm.
2. **Chamber Singers auditions are Tuesday, Sept 1, 3:15-4:15 pm, in room 94.** Do not prepare any music. Warm ups and an excerpt will be taught to those auditioning. This audition is for all singers interested in joining Chamber Singers, separate from the vocal audition. The audition piece will be taught by Dr. Spano to all those interested in advance preparation on **Thursday, Aug 27, 3:15pm in Room 94.** This audition is for a full-year's commitment, including participation in various community performances along with major AVPA music concerts.

Interviews for vocal majors may be scheduled separately from the performance audition.

NOTE: ALL NEW MUSIC students will be required to complete a **written music theory evaluation** (date TBA).

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DANCE

Attendance at the AVPA Orientation is mandatory for all new and returning AVPA Dance students. New students should bring their AVPA Application and Registration forms to the Orientation. Returning students who have already turned in an Application need to turn in an AVPA Registration form only.

Returning Dance Students: The first dance meeting will be scheduled and announced online. Be prepared to turn in 3 goals you intend to achieve in AVPA Dance this year, and to complete a form confirming all AVPA classes you have taken thus far at CCHS. At the meeting, you will also complete a form stating your intention/willingness to serve as an AVPA Dance officer, volunteer for AVPA functions, etc.

Dance Auditions for all new and returning students – Wednesday, September 2, 1:15 PM – 4:00 PM, Robert Frost

- Please arrive on time, ready to dance. Sign-in at the registration table.
- Wear black yoga, dance or sweat pants and a comfortable t-shirt or dance top. No jeans or overly-revealing attire allowed.
- Be prepared for a basic warm-up, brief group improvisation, and at least two dance combinations of different styles.
- Dance/movement experience preferred but not necessary.

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- Please have all required AVPA Application and Registration forms completed. (See AVPA website.) Any AVPA forms not turned in at the Orientation will be collected at the Audition on September 2. Failing to turn in forms by the due date may result in non-acceptance to the program for the semester.

AVPA Dance Company meetings will be scheduled and announced. Company meeting attendance, dance class attendance, and volunteering for at least 2 AVPA functions is mandatory for all AVPA Dance Company members.

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FILM

Attendance at the AVPA Orientation is mandatory for all new and returning Film students. New and returning students will be able to sign up for an exact interview or ongoing evaluation time at the AVPA Orientation on Thursday, Aug. 27 at 7pm in the Frost Auditorium.

Prospective AVPA Film students must turn in a completed application (minus the essay) at or before the interview. In lieu of the essay, be prepared to pitch a story and visual concept for an original film during the interview.

For ongoing film students, an ongoing-evaluation-sign-up-sheet will be provided at the AVPA Orientation on Aug. 27 only. All required ongoing AVPA paperwork must be submitted at or before your evaluation. An evaluation meeting is required in order to continue participation in the AVPA Film Dept.

Required Film Company meetings will be scheduled weekly and are mandatory for all film students.

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THEATRE

New Applicants for Theatre: One minute monologue (dramatic or comedic), must be fully memorized. Interviews and Auditions Schedule will be announced and take place in the Black Box Theatre.

Returning Applicants: 2 minute 1st person monologue – must be fully memorized. Auditions: **Technical Theatre Majors** (bring a portfolio of your technical production work) and **Acting Majors** will be scheduled by the Creative Director. Your AVPA audition will serve as your audition for the Fall Production.

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What is AVPA?

The Culver City High School **Academy of Visual & Performing Arts** is an arts education program that includes arts elective classes during the day at CCHS in Film, Theatre, Music and Art. AVPA offers an extended day program, with Dance joining the other arts disciplines, where students enroll in classes (some for college credit) and workshops, participate in field trips, exhibitions, productions, concerts, and much more. Students work with professional artists and have opportunities to collaborate with arts and educational institutions. Students in Art, Film, Music, and Theatre will be enrolled in a 7th period class for their primary department to receive CCHS credit (determined by the Creative Director).

Culver City High School AVPA is open to CCUSD-enrolled students. For home-schooled students who live within the boundaries of CCUSD, and those on Independent Study with CCUSD, please contact the Co-Executive Director (Tony Spano, tonyspano@ccusd.org) to verify if you are eligible to apply.

APPLICATION CHECKLIST

- _____ 1. Complete online Registration/Volunteer Form for New Applicants.
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- _____ 2. Complete online Returning Student Registration Form (for returning applicants).
- _____ 3. Review audition/interview requirements and schedule an audition with the Creative Director.
- _____ 4. New Applicants: Complete: Essay, Recommendation Form, Student/Parent Handbook Signature Page.
- _____ 5. New Applicants: Submit a copy of school transcript or most recent report card.
- _____ 6. Post-acceptance: Bookmark the Online AVPA Bulletin Board! Check our updates for AVPA online!
- _____ 7. Post-acceptance: Complete a Donation Form for the AVPA Foundation or donate online (due Oct. 1)

Contact Information:

Music: Tony Spano (tonyspano@avpa.org) Art: Kristine Hatanaka (kristinehatanaka@ccusd.org)
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Dance: Julie Carson (juliecarson@avpa.org)