



HILANDER highlights

MAY 2019

VISUAL ARTS & MUSIC



10
music classes
offered

64
musical
performances
this year

180
hours of marching
band practice
(9 performances)

100+
art pieces framed each
spring for the Art Show

8 pieces of art from KHS
students have hung
in the U.S. Capitol

nearly
3K
ceramics pieces
fired per year

12
art classes
offered

Arts education fuels student success

If we were to make a word bubble of what our students say about their arts classes and clubs, these words would be the largest: *acceptance, family, laughter, confidence-building, where I can be myself...*

The arts are truly powerful. Many studies have shown that arts education and activities help keep kids engaged with school, which leads to higher academic achievement and success in life (see reverse).

With 24 classes at Kelso High alone this year, we're proud to offer a robust selection of offerings to enhance the learning and lives of our students.



THEATRE

2 
theater classes offered

\$2K = average production cost of each show (rights, posters, programs, sets, lights, etc)

➔ **\$3.5K** = production cost for a musical 

5 
theatrical performances in 2018-19

9 fundraisers this school year to support productions 

WE ARE KELSO



Kelso HS Theatre Club

If you walk by the KHS auditorium on any given day after school, you're likely to hear people running lines, breaking out in song, or letting out big belly laughs. It's the Theatre Club holding their regular meeting. The 25 active members are most likely rehearsing, building sets, or planning fundraisers for the productions they put on each year. Learn more about why these kids love theatre at bit.ly/KHS-theatreclub



Kelso HS fine arts teachers

At Kelso High School, the arts are alive and well. The robust program has 24 classes taught by 10 passionate teachers; and the quality of their teaching is evidenced by the many successes of their students. Learn more about how these teachers' students benefit from arts education at bit.ly/KHS-artteachers

How arts education benefits students...

- ➔ Sustained learning in music and theater correlates strongly with higher achievement in both math and reading.¹
- ➔ Not only does music improve skills in math and reading, but it promotes creativity, social development, personality adjustment, and self-worth.²
- ➔ Curricular and extracurricular art studies and activities help keep high-risk dropout students in school.³
- ➔ Students who had intensive arts experiences in high school were three times more likely than students who lacked those experiences to earn a bachelor's degree. They also were more likely to earn "mostly A's" in college.⁴
- ➔ Students who participate in the arts develop leadership skills, including decision-making, strategy building, planning, and reflection.⁵

¹ Americans for the Arts. "Summary of Key Additional Arts Education Research and Facts."

² Weinberger, Norman M. "The Music in Our Minds." Center for the Neurobiology of Learning and Memory, University of California.

³ National School Boards Association. "Prediction: Identifying potential dropouts." The Center for Public Education.

⁴ National Endowment for the Arts. "The Arts and Achievement in At-Risk Youth."

⁵ Arts Education Partnership (AEP). "Preparing Students for the Next America."

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CHILD FIND INFORMATION

Kelso School District will ensure that all students with disabilities who are eligible from birth through 21 years of age, residing within our attendance area, have available to them a free and appropriate public education in the least restrictive environment. You can initiate a referral through your local schools or call us at 360-501-1904.

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