

## **SJCCA Auditions/Programs of Choice**

### **Frequently Asked Questions**

1. Can my student audition for more than one arts area?  
Yes, and we recommend it! Students can audition for up to three different arts areas- Band, Chorus, Dance, Theatre, Visual Art or Graphic Design. Student schedules allow for three elective choices. Within these three choices would also be PE, Spanish, STEM, Intensive Reading or Math, and more.
2. What does a typical student schedule look like?  
Students take 7 courses every school day- 4 academic class and 3 elective classes. Here is an example of a 6<sup>th</sup> grade student schedule:  
1<sup>st</sup> Period- 7:30-8:20am M/J Cambridge English 1  
2<sup>nd</sup> Period- 8:24-9:09am M/J Accelerated Cambridge Science 1  
3<sup>rd</sup> Period- 9:13-9:58am M/J Theatre 1  
4<sup>th</sup> Period- 10:02-10:47am M/J Chorus 1  
5<sup>th</sup> Period- 10:51-11:36am M/J Accelerated Math Grade 6  
Lunch- 11:38-12:08pm  
6<sup>th</sup> Period- 12:11-12:56pm M/J World History Advanced  
7<sup>th</sup> Period- 1:00-1:50pm M/J Dance 1
3. Is transportation provided for out of zone students?  
Unfortunately, there is not bus transportation for students attending from out of zone. We do have many families that carpool to school. Our SJCCA Booster parents can help you find a carpool if needed.
4. How are students placed into their arts levels? Are all 6<sup>th</sup> graders in level 1?  
Students are placed in their appropriate level based on their audition. We have all levels of artists from beginner to advanced and level them to best fit their artistic and academic needs.
5. What is the cost of SJCCA? What is Fair Share?  
Our classes are free to students. We are a self-funded program and rely on donations, fair share, and performance revenue for success. We have a recommended Fair Share for students in each arts area that helps to cover the cost of performances, art supplies, guest artists and unique opportunities. The Fair Share varies by each department but are around \$100 per arts area for the entire school year.
6. Will my student have performances? What is the rehearsal schedule like? Will they have time to participate in SJCCA and continue with their current extracurricular activities?

Students in all grade levels have performance opportunities each school year. Most departments will hold a winter and spring concert and have various smaller performances throughout the year. You can see this year's SJCCA calendar on our website for an example. We try to limit after school rehearsals to only right before performances but depending on the show, there might be more. The more performances a student is in, the more rehearsals and after school commitments required. We have many students who are also on dance or cheer competition teams, theatre groups, sports teams and take private lessons. Middle school is a great time to learn about time management and organization.

7. My student is interested in SJCCA but is very nervous to audition. Do you have any tips?  
Every artist was once a beginner! We are so excited that they are interested in the arts and we encourage them to audition regardless of experience level. For beginning students, the auditions are workshop and whole group based. We want to see a passion and willingness to learn and it is our job to teach you; we don't expect the students to come in as experts. For more experienced artists, we advise you to look over the audition requirements and come prepared. We have classes for all levels and can't wait for you to experience a school where you get to take all of your favorite courses!