North East
School of the Arts

at Lee High School
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Program Description
The North East School of the Arts (NESA) is a gifted and talented program in the arts structured as a magnet program on the campus of Lee High School. NESA provides a rigorous academic environment, with a sequential, customized curriculum designed to encourage artistic excellence, integration with multiple arts disciplines, and authentic assessment.

NESA students study daily with our unique staff of professional educators who are also working artists with significant training and experience in their individual disciplines. NESA students also participate in master classes and seminars with professional artists, and have multiple opportunities to showcase their talents.

NESA students are passionate about the arts and can audition for any of seven majors.
- Cinema
- Creative Writing
- Dance
- Instrumental Music
- Musical Theater
- Technical Theater
- Visual Arts

Features and Accolades
- NESA was listed among the Top 10 Arts high schools in the country by Hollywood Reporter Magazine.
- NESA has a 100 percent graduation rate.
- Ten percent of NESA students are National Merit Recognized (The national average is one percent.)
- The 92 graduates in the NESA Class of 2015 accumulated $7,232,842 in college scholarships.
- NESA graduates are accepted into many of the finest universities and college programs in the country.
- NESA alumni are award-winning published authors, actors, singers and dancers in dance companies, on Broadway, in television and film, professional musicians, filmmakers, photographers and fashion designers.

“Without NESA, I wouldn’t have had the opportunity, or the capability to do professionally what I love most.” - Grace Phipps - NESA graduate and Star of Disney’s Teen Beach Movie 1 & 2, Vampire Diaries, and The Nine Lives of Chloe King.

“NESA has given me a reason to get up and come to school every day. Without it I would be so bored in all of my classes, I would probably wouldn’t really try. But because I have the relief of getting to do what I love, every single day in my NESA classes, I can get through history, math and science, and try my hardest, so that I’m allowed to stay here.” – Camie Gillespie, Valedictorian

Application Process
Admission to NESA is by audition. Everyone must submit an application by the deadline to be scheduled for an audition.

Go to www.nesid.net/nesa under application find FAQs, application forms, and specific major requirements.

Everyone must submit an application signed by parent or guardian, photo, resume, a recommendation from fine arts teacher and a recommendation from a guidance counselor, transcript and current grades.