

ARTS ENTERPRISE LABORATORY

The Arts Enterprise Laboratory (AEL) program is a launching pad for students who want to learn more and achieve more, equipping them with concrete professional skills and access to public platforms unattainable at any other art high school. AEL participants learn how to be self-directed in their ideas and pursuits and develop real-life skills applicable to an enterprising career in the arts. Opportunities include:

Access to Grant Funds for Special Projects | Training in Concrete Life Skills | Unique Performance Platforms and Live Audiences | Unparalleled Access to Industry Experts | Portfolio-Building Achievements



INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Idyllwild Arts Academy is global by design and proud to welcome students from all over the world. Almost half of our students are international, and although they hail from more than 30 different countries, all of them are united by their passion for artistic excellence and thrive in our welcoming, inviting and supportive community. We know that the choice to go abroad for high school is a brave one. Most of our international students may know very little about American education and culture, and often a visit to our campus is unrealistic given the distance. We are here to help these students understand our campus, our culture, our curriculum, and our unique location so that they can make an informed decision about whether Idyllwild Arts Academy is a good fit.

Idyllwild Arts is an intentional community that welcomes different life experiences, perspectives, identities, cultures, abilities and languages. We joyfully aspire and commit ourselves to create a safe environment in which the uniqueness of each person is valued, and everyone is seen, heard, and treated with respect. Art is the greatest teacher of humanity, and we embrace its power to develop empathetic citizens of the world. We thereby will dedicate resources and time to build an inclusive community.

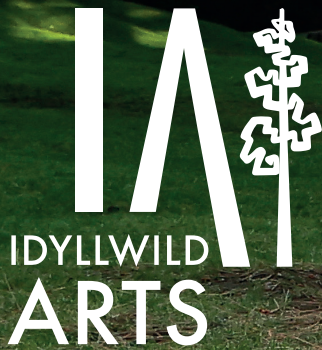


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ACADEMY FACTS

- The only independent residential arts high school in the Western US
- 280 students, 35 countries, and 24 states
- 5:1 student to teacher ratio
- Arts Faculty of working artists
- One-on-one advising
- 50% of our students receive financial aid and scholarships
- 205-acre forested campus
- 2 hours to Los Angeles and San Diego



ARTS MAJORS

DANCE

Our multi-discipline dance program boasts cutting-edge training in ballet, modern, contemporary, jazz, commercial dance, and hip-hop techniques. Taught by esteemed industry professionals, our program combines rigorous artistic training with the fundamentals of dancer health and child development, training dance students to use their bodies correctly by focusing on kinetics, coordination, anatomy, and proper body alignment.

DRAMATIC ARTS

Students’ curriculum is shaped by their declared area of concentration (Acting for Stage & Camera, Musical Theatre, Design & Production, or General Theatre) but no matter their area of focus, students collaborate, perform, produce, and demonstrate their skills on and off campus in a variety of main stage performances, showcases, and competitions, including the Jimmy Awards and the ESU Shakespeare competition.

FASHION DESIGN

Our unique program, led by Project Runway Season 16 winner Kentaro Kameyama, dares students to be bold, innovative, and experimental while receiving hands-on training in all foundational techniques, including sewing, patternmaking, fashion illustration, conceptual design, figure drawing, color theory, body movement, performance, visual communication, and more. Seniors present an original collection annually at Los Angeles Fashion Week!

FILM & DIGITAL MEDIA

Our interactive, industry-specific training applies traditional skills to new digital environments and global platforms through foundational courses in screenwriting, producing, creative development, directing, cinematography, art directing, editing, writing, sound design, and interactive technologies. Students regularly have films selected (and win!) at prestigious film festivals, and our campus’ close proximity to Los Angeles provides access to mentorship with industry professionals.

INTERARTS & CREATIVE WRITING

This program empowers creative, passionate collaborators who are eager to explore emerging technologies and experiment with multiple art forms. Students have the opportunity to build skills across arts disciplines, carving their own multidisciplinary pathway across arts departments while gaining access to all of the school’s faculty and facilities.

MUSIC

By studying a comprehensive curriculum of music theory, history, and technology coupled with private lessons and ensembles, our students build a strong foundation, find their own unique style, and achieve excellence in Classical, Jazz, Songwriting, and/or Voice studies. Students enjoy ample opportunities to collaborate with their peers and showcase their skills at performances including concerts, recitals, and festivals (such as the Reno Jazz Festival).

VISUAL ARTS

Through our dynamic curriculum, students explore both traditional and cutting-edge methods, materials, and ideas to ignite imagination, refine technique, and deepen connections with the world while developing the skills, knowledge, and confidence to thrive at the college level and beyond. Students regularly exhibit their work in our stunning campus gallery as well as professional regional galleries.



ACADEMICS

While influencing students’ work as deeply informed, critically thinking Citizen Artists, **our academic program prepares students for the rigors of college and a range of career opportunities both within and outside of the arts.** The academic curriculum is designed to:

- Teach creative, multi-dimensional thinking.
- Develop vital twenty-first century skills of communication, collaboration, and critical problem-solving.
- Emphasize the S.T.E.A.M. learning model, encouraging students to think holistically and approach the world with wonder, critique, inquiry, and innovation. Our dual academic and arts curriculum empowers students to problem-solve with agility and imagination.

COLLEGE COUNSELING

The Idyllwild Arts Academy College Counseling Department emphasizes a relaxed, empathetic, and safe office culture for students and families. While 95% of our graduates go on to post-secondary educational institutions to pursue BFA, BA, and BS degrees around the U.S. and abroad, our college counseling program prepares students for myriad experiences after Idyllwild Arts. In collaboration with Academy faculty, the college counselors participate in review of portfolios, auditions, and pre-screens. Through a curriculum that spans two years, our college counselors teach a dedicated Life Skills class in which students learn essential aspects of a personal and artistic lifestyle including networking, artistic and professional résumé building, interview skills, cold calls and follow-up emails, and development and implementation of artistic and professional behaviors.

Every year, Idyllwild Arts Academy students apply and are accepted into top universities, including:

The Juilliard School | Rhode Island School of Design | Royal Conservatoire of Scotland | Parsons School of Design - The New School | Savannah College of Art and Design | Vassar College | New England Conservatory | Liverpool Institute of Performing Arts | New York University | CalArts | All University of California Campuses ...and many more!

SEMESTER EXCHANGE PROGRAM

In this unique and dynamic offering, both International and Domestic students can join Idyllwild Arts Academy’s beautiful mountaintop campus in Southern California for a single semester in order to benefit from an infusion of artistic growth and community engagement. Each student’s curriculum follows a personalized academic and artistic growth plan tailored to their goals at Idyllwild Arts, with guidance and mentorship by industry-leading faculty. Students receive support from the full range of campus resources, including the Wellness Center.

