

VISION:

- Student proficiency achieved in reading and mathematics by employing a program rich in the arts and science.
- Community collaboration with art and science organizations including the Fresno Metropolitan Museum of Art and Science, Arte Américas, the African American Museum, KVPT (Valley Public Television), and the Fresno City and County Historical Society.

LOCATION:

Cultural Arts District in downtown Fresno



VASA

Valley Arts and Science Academy

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WHY THE ARTS?

The visual and performing arts enhance student learning by stimulating non-verbal awareness, creating a common bond, and making school more human.

Works of art stimulate verbal skills through discussions and writing.

Singing and/or playing music together, dance, and the dramatic arts are shared experiences that reinforce and enhance each student's understanding of language, mathematics and cultures.



WHY SCIENCE?

Elementary students are innately curious about the natural world. Research shows that science instruction stimulates and reinforces reading, math and thinking skills.

MORE ABOUT VASA

VASA will also offer its students strong programs in history, thinking skills, writing and physical education.

History: Historical stories help develop character, citizenship and recognition of importance in people and events.

Thinking Skills: Creative thinking and problem solving will be ongoing and enhanced through programs like Odyssey of the Mind and Destination Imagination.



Writing: Research-based strategies will be used to accelerate student capacity for writing effectively.

Health and Physical Education: Fitness health, nutrition and recreation are a key part of the VASA curriculum, especially since schools with more physically active students tend to rank higher on the API.

Targeted Population: It is the goal of the VASA Board of Directors to balance the school population in the following manner:

- 60% from families living in the immediate vicinity of the proposed location
- 40% from any families who are attracted to the school by its program

