Program Overview

General Ray Davis Middle School, in support of the Rockdale County Public Schools vision to offer expanded learning options, offers a rigorous fine arts program specifically targeting the performing and visual arts. The goal of the Academy for Performing and Visual Arts is to explore and develop artistic talents within young students by making the arts part of each student’s core learning experience. The program offers:

- Discrete arts instruction in dance, theatre arts, vocals, band, strings, photography, video, and visual arts;
- Integration of arts across other content areas: math, science, language arts, and social studies.

Academy classes prepare students for the next level of performing and/or visual arts education while maintaining high academic achievement.

Eligible applicants must complete the Audition/Artistic Review process for final selection. The Audition/Artistic Review will be held in January.

Application, Eligibility, and Artistic Review

RCPS will use an electronic application process for 2024-2025 School Choice programs. No paper applications will be accepted. Students may apply for one School Choice program only for the 2024-2025 school year.

The application window is November 10 through December 15, 2023, to apply for the 2024-2025 school year. The online application will be available on the district website at: rockdaleschools.org

Eligibility Criteria

- Students must meet the student registration requirement for Rockdale County Public Schools.*
- Students and parents must agree to the Choice contract.

*All students must reside in Rockdale County or have a parent employed with RCPS to apply. Students residing in Rockdale County but attending home or private school who are accepted must fully enroll in RCPS in June. RCPS policy JBCB-R will apply to all RCPS employee children who are accepted.

Audition/Artistic Review

Please plan to attend the Parent Information Session at DMS on Tuesday, October 17, 2023, 5 p.m. to 6 p.m., to learn about requirements for the Academy and the Audition/Artistic Review process.

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Please visit our website: dms.rockdaleschools.org for the date/time and requirements of the Audition/Artistic Review.
A Message from the Principal

Since the establishment of General Ray Davis Middle School (GRDMS), we have developed a rich history of excellence in academic, arts, and athletic endeavors. We focus on the ideals of our namesake, General Ray Davis, as we seek to inspire student excellence through integrity, strong work ethic, perseverance, and respect. Our school provides unique opportunities for our students to experience learning through the arts.

The General Ray Davis Middle School Fine Arts Academy programs offer our talented fine arts students and teachers a unique opportunity to achieve excellence in education through a passion for the arts. The superior quality of our Fine Arts program provides students with the opportunity to work with local and regional artists while maintaining a high level of artistic rigor that few programs can emulate. Our school earned the status of being named a “Title I Distinguished School” for multiple consecutive years. General Ray Davis Middle School was the first middle school in the state to earn the status of Green Ribbon School. We offer many opportunities for academic, artistic, and athletic involvement after school, and we encourage all our students to get involved at school and show their Golden Eagle pride.

Our faculty and students work tirelessly to ensure students receive the highest level of instruction as demonstrated by our assessment scores and award-winning programs. At General Ray Davis Middle School, we will continue to seek excellence and SOAR to the highest heights by working together, putting plans into action, learning from mistakes, and making changes for a better future the “Davis Way.”

Yours in Education,
Kimberly Dyer
Principal

Mission Statement

The Mission of General Ray Davis Middle School, dedicated to patriotism, service and integrity, is to inspire, empower, and equip all individuals to recognize and reach their unique potential the Davis Way! The Davis Way is a tradition of:

• fostering uncompromising excellence in a safe and orderly environment,
• embracing the talents, gifts, and diversity of every stakeholder, and
• instilling pride in self, school, and community.

General Ray Davis - USMC

Our school is named for a great hero and late resident of Rockdale County, Medal of Honor winner General Ray Davis. He earned this medal and many other recognitions for exemplary service to our country. He was one of 94 men—three Georgians—to earn the Medal of Honor in the Korean War. His awards include the Navy Cross, the nation’s second highest decoration for bravery, two Silver Stars, and the Bronze Star with Combat “V” for valor. He became one of the most decorated veterans in U.S. History. We are proud to be named for such a great person!