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ASN 2025 Exemplary Schools Designation: Purpose and Process

Join our ASN Exemplary Schools Committee members as they discuss the ASN Exemplary Schools Award Program. Past recipients will talk about their decision to apply, their application preparation process, and the benefits of designation, followed by an interactive Q&A. Additionally, a demonstration of the Acceptd platform will be provided. This session will be recorded for later reference and viewing.



Exemplary Schools Committee



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ASN Exemplary School Designation

ASN designates Exemplary Schools in recognition of outstanding efforts in strategically evaluating their purpose, operations, plans, and educational programs.

The Exemplary School application process provides a framework for comprehensive review through a series of questions that explore the entire range of a school's purpose and operations.

Completing the application enables you to develop comprehensive information for planning for improvement and determining the technical and tactical resources your organization needs.

[ASN Exemplary School](#)
webpage

Why Apply?

Reflective Self Study

“I would encourage every school to go through the process. It raised more relevant questions and caused us to re-evaluate our approaches.”

-Scott Walker, Principal
Las Vegas Academy for the Arts
Las Vegas, NV

Progress and Growth

“Exemplary Schools Award status is a testimony that Booker Middle School...sustains and executes an exemplary plan for its Visual Performing Arts programs...”

~LaShawn Frost, Principal,
Booker Middle School
Sarasota, FL

Achievement

“The ASN Exemplary Schools Designation is a wonderful way to show our community that the work our teachers and students do every day is being recognized.”

~Anne Maschler, Principal
Art Theatre Entertainment School
San Fernando, CA

Voices of Experience

The decision to apply: Reflective Self Study



Your resource for self-evaluation is [A Guide to Assessing Your Arts Schools](#), which was created by the Arts Schools Network and the Accrediting Commission for Community and Precollegiate Arts Schools (ACCPAS) to help school personnel plan, evaluate, and implement effective organizational development. The Guide is an assessment tool that uses questions based on ACCPAS accreditation standards.



Prepare to Apply

2025 Program Timeline

- January 10, 2025:
Annual Application Portal Opens
- April 11, 2025:
Application/Nomination deadline
- May 16, 2025:
Award Winner notification
- October 21-25, 2025:
Recognition/Presentation at 2025
Annual Conference, Sarasota, FL

Process Benchmarks

- Before January: Self-evaluate ([A Guide to Assessing Your Art School](#))
- February: Convene Application Committee
 - discuss application components
 - develop consensus on component details
 - (how the application accurately reflects your school)
 - delegate application responsibilities
- March: Collect/Create application components
- By April 10: Review & Refine
- April 11: Application/Nomination Deadline

Prepare to Apply

The decision to apply: Progress and Growth

The Exemplary School Program Booklet explains the application process, which provides a basic framework for your strategic evaluation of the entire range of your school's purpose, operations, and educational programs. Completing the evaluation enables you to develop comprehensive information for planning for improvement and determining the technical and tactical resources your organization needs.

[Exemplary School Program –
How to Apply/Rubric](#)

(For schools that include a 12th grade)

[Exemplary School Program –
How to Apply/Rubric](#)

(For schools that DO NOT include a 12th grade)

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Application Componets: Delegate

- Contact Information
- Narrative
- Letter of Support:
Upper -Level Administrator
- History of School Data and Highlights
- Enrollment
- Budgeting
- Organizational Chart
- Staff List
- Facilities/Resources

- Course Catalogue/
Student -Parent Handbook
- Schedule
- Calendar
- Achievements
- 200 Word Summary
- School Logo
- Graduation data (Schools w/12th grade)
School State Report Card (w/o 12 grade)
- (3) high -resolution photos of
students/school

Voices of Experience

Application Components: Narrative

You will be asked to provide a four-page narrative summarizing the conclusions of your comprehensive school evaluation, along with a list of supporting materials.

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Application Fee

The application fee is \$225 which may be paid by credit card through the online portal. Please contact ASN if payment by check is needed.

info@artsschoolsnetwork.org

Membership Status

To achieve and maintain Exemplary School status through ASN, the school must be a member in good standing (current membership dues paid and timely renewal received).

Designation Length

Designations last for five years. After five years, designated schools must submit a full application to be considered again.

Exemplary School Benefits

Designees Receive:

- Article in the ASN e-news
- Recognition on ASN website, at the annual conference and annual awards ceremony
- ASN press release
- Engraved award presented at annual conference
- Use of the ASN award winner logo
- One discounted conference registration (\$150)

Voices of Experience

The decision to apply: Achievements

Recognition & Resources

“It is a helpful tool to gather information in a format that can be used for accreditation, grants, publicity materials, District reports, and annual reports, just to name a few.”

~Donn K. Harris, Former Executive Director
Oakland School for the Arts,
Oakland, CA



The Application

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The Application Application Platform



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[Acceptd](#) is the largest performing and visual arts network in the world. You can apply to and be discovered by colleges and universities, festivals, scholarships, and competitions. Our mission is to connect you with opportunities that will help you achieve your dreams.

[ASN Exemplary Schools](#) Application

Wrap Up

Q&A

ASN awards window
is also open!



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*Thank
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Designation:

Purpose and Process

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