

## Admissions

- Students outside Damonte Ranch High School's zone, will need a variance using the WCSD form for all Signature Academies.
- Attend an informational meeting for both parents and prospective students at Depoali Middle School at 6:00 p.m., **Thursday, February 2nd.**
- Complete a Signature Academy Application, including a teacher recommendation by **February 10th.**
- Attend a PAC Audition Day

Saturday, February 25, 2012

Dance: 8AM SHARP - 12PM

Acting: 1PM-5PM

(MUST schedule an appt.)

Design & Tech: 6PM SHARP- 9PM

- Results of the audition will be mailed to each student by **March 3, 2012.**

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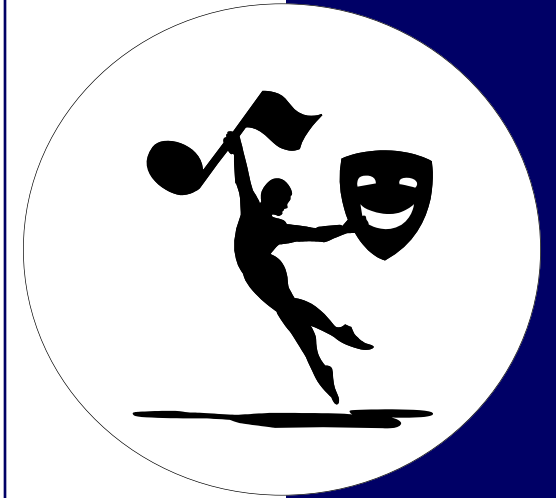
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Theatre: Rod Hearn  
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Band: Steve Schifferdecker  
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Orchestra: Caroline Karl  
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**PAC**  
**Performing Arts Center**  
**At Damonte Ranch**

Dance  
Theatre: Acting  
Theatre: Design & Technology  
Instrumental & Vocal Music

## A Brand New Opportunity

Washoe County School District's Signature Academies are an innovative approach to ensuring college and career readiness for all students. This initiative creates unique career- and industry-based programs at each high school. The Signature Academies will focus on specific programs, topics and distinguishing themes to prepare all students for the workforce of tomorrow.



## PAC Performing Arts Center At Damonte Ranch

While continuing to pursue all graduation requirements, students accepted into PAC will focus their electives on rigorous training in specific art disciplines, such as Dance, Theatre: Acting, Theatre: Design & Technology, Instrumental Music, and Vocal Music. Our extended day will offer students more opportunities to take these electives while continuing to allow full access to AP and Honors coursework. Like all WCSD Signature Academies, PAC is open to all students by application and audition.

## Audition Requirements

### Dance

\*Please be ready to begin by 8AM SHARP.

Dance applicants must dress appropriately for the audition:

*Dress:* Leotards and tights are preferred. Stretch pants, leggings or yoga style pants are acceptable.

*Shoes:* Ballet, jazz or "dance paws" or barefoot.

Students will partake in a dance class consisting of ballet and jazz. After a short warm up and movement sequences across the floor, students will learn a short dance combination to be performed in small groups.

In addition, each applicant must prepare a one-minute solo piece of choreography that he/she will perform that best displays his/her talent. CDs or iPods are accepted.

Applicants for the dance program will be evaluated on the following:

- Potential for trainable growth
- Physical/movement techniques, including coordination, strength and flexibility
- Rhythmic sensibility and musicality
- A serious commitment to dance training and/or a career in dance



### Theatre: Acting

\*Contact Melissa Casci to schedule an appt. @ [mdcasci@washoeschools.net](mailto:mdcasci@washoeschools.net)  
OR (775) 851-5656

Prepare two contrasting monologues that are performed in not more than three minutes, not including introduction. Students *may* substitute a song from a published musical for one of the monologues. CD and iPod accompaniment only—no piano will be available.

Applicants for the acting program will be evaluated using the following criteria:

- Preparation and choice of material
- Physical/Vocal character choices that reflect understanding of the text
- Stage presence, focus, and concentration
- Brief interview immediately following the audition

### Theatre: Design & Technology

\*Please be ready to begin by 6PM SHARP.

The "audition" for this program consists of a *theatre production design workshop*. Students will be provided with a very short script to read. Working in design teams, applicants will create a production design for the script, including a poster concept, color costume renderings, and a set design model.

Applicants for the Design & Technology program will be evaluated using the following criteria:

- Creative problem-solving
- Teamwork
- Unified design approach
- Theatrical interpretation of text

**Auditions for Music Programs will be held December of 2012.**