



# American Festival for the Arts

AFA Academy

## **AFA Academy — Site Based Residency Programs**

Thank you for your interest in American Festival for the Arts and their in-school residency programs to help support school music programs and enhance school curricula with additional music opportunities for students.

AFA currently offers three types of in-school services:

- Chamber Music residencies and coaching (potentially in conjunction with preparation for solo and ensemble)
- Ensemble master classes and coaching
- Composition clubs/instruction

### **Chamber Music Residencies**

When offered in conjunction with large ensemble programs (e.g., band, orchestra, jazz band) chamber instruction in small groups significantly enhances students' abilities. Students develop their listening, communication, teamwork and ensemble skills with other students of similar levels in a supportive coaching environment. Depending on the timing of the program, students can prepare a movement of a work for an in-house performance at the end of each semester or participate in one of AFA's regularly scheduled recitals. AFA can also provide support for your ensembles as they prepare for solo and ensemble.

### **Ensemble Master Classes/Coaching**

AFA can provide significant assistance to your large ensemble program by providing regular visits from an AFA faculty coach to support your program. Coaches can help run sectionals, allow for focused work with students who need more one-on-one encouragement, provide private instruction and suggest teaching strategies to help you meet your ensemble goals.

### **Composition Clubs/Instruction**

As a composer founded and led organization, AFA is dedicated to providing opportunities for young people to explore their interest in songwriting and composing. AFA can help your school begin a composition club and provide the necessary support and instruction to help students develop and refine their musical ideas and then provide the resources to have their works read and recorded.

For more information, please contact AFA at [music@AFAtexas.org](mailto:music@AFAtexas.org) or call (713) 522-9699.