Orange Grove Middle Magnet School of the Arts is located on a historic architectural site that supports an outstanding learning community. We have a long history that is rooted in respect and appreciation of the role of the arts in everyday life. Our teachers offer exceptional real-world experiences and instructional techniques, which promote creativity, collaboration, and authentic connections across all content areas.

Grounded in our commitment to offer our diverse and talented scholars unique experiences in arts and academics sets us apart. Every student has the opportunity to discover and develop his or her talents, participate in unique elective courses, and choose from a menu of student-centered art programs, academic classes, and life-changing opportunities.

Visual, Performing and Communication Arts

- **DANCE** - Ballet, Classical, Hip-Hop, Jazz, Modern and Choreography
- **MUSIC** - Band, Chorus, Guitar, Harp and Orchestra
- **THEATRE** - Acting, Musical Theatre
- **TECHNICAL THEATRE** - Costume Design, Scenic Design, and Construction
- **VISUAL ART** - 2D Art, 3D Art, and Digital Art
- **COMMUNICATIONS** - Creative Writing and Yearbook

Points of Pride

- American Ballet Theatre (ABT) nationally certified highest level dance program and teachers.
- Collaborate with national and local partners such as the Patel Conservatory at the STRAZ Center for the Performing Arts.
- Student-led performance experiences in an impressive proscenium arch theatre and garden amphitheater.
- Student art showcased at local galleries and The Salvador Dali Museum.
- Student art gallery features changing visual displays throughout the school and annual Comic Con showcase.
- 1st and 2nd place winners of the Hillsborough County Public Schools Hispanic Heritage Art Competition.
- Winner of the Hillsborough County Public Schools LEAD (Lead Empower Advocate Dream) Middle School Inspirational Performance Competition.
- New Sewing Laboratory equipped with 12 sewing machines and pinnable mannequins.
- Macintosh Computer Laboratory equipped with 26-inch monitors, music keyboards, production software and more.
- Performance showcase invitations extend throughout Tampa Bay.
- International Thespian Society – Jr. Thespians members (20+ years).
## Arts and Electives

| Dance            | • Youth America Grand Prix International Finalist  
|                  | • American Ballet Theatre (affiliated 8 years)  
|                  | • Master classes: African, Flamenco, Contemporary and more  
|                  | • Our Pride dancers tour all over Hillsborough County to perform for other schools and events  |
| Physical Education | • Athletic awards opportunities  
|                  | • Educational Field trips: USF Basketball, Raymond James  
|                  | • Community partnerships: More Health, Jr Bucks, 1st Tee Golf, Straz Center for the Performing Arts  
|                  | • Individual and team sports  |
| Visual Arts      | • Hillsborough County Hispanic Heritage Art Competition: 1st place winners  
|                  | • Student art chosen for the Dali Museum Surrealist Exhibition, Scholastic Art and Writing Competition, Tampa Museum Young at Art Award Exhibition, local events, and digital galleries  
|                  | • Annual Comic Con-themed student competition, and End of Year Art Gallery Award Reception  
|                  | • Educational fieldtrips: Ringling Museum of Art, Tampa Museum of Art, and the Dali Museum  |
| Theatre         | • International Thespians Member since 1998  
|                  | • Jr. Thespians: District and State level - Individual events and One Act  
|                  | 2019: District = 3 Critics Choice, 2 Alternate Critics Choice  
|                  | 2020: District = 2 Critics Choice  
|                  | 2020: District Jr. Thespians – 1 Best in Show Award  
|                  | • Yearly production - alternating between a Musical and Straight Play  
|                  | • Renaissance Festival attendees and performance participants  |
| Technical Theatre | • “All Star Tech Crew” Award – One Act Festival 2019 Junior Thespians  
|                  | • District and State level – Individual events and One Act:  
|                  | 2019: District - 2 Critics Choice, 1 Alternate Critics Choice, 3 Straight Superiors  
|                  | 2020: State - 3 Superiors, 1 Excellent  
|                  | • Two annual theatrical productions; concerts, showcases and events  
|                  | • Stage Crew and House Crew training opportunities  |
| Chorus           | • Mixed, Treble, and Auditioned Choirs attend yearly Chorus Music Performance Assessments (MPA)  
|                  | • Annual Master Musician Scholarship Recipients, All-County and All-State Representatives  
|                  | • Annual Solo & Ensemble MPA Superior Recipients  
|                  | • Showstoppers (auditioned Show Choir) tours all over Hillsborough County to perform for other schools and events  |
| Orchestra       | • Over 20 years of Superior Ratings at our Orchestra Music Performance Assessments (MPA)  
|                  | • Annual Master Musician Scholarship Recipients, All-County and All-State Representatives  
|                  | • Annual Solo & Ensemble MPA Superior Recipients  
|                  | • Our Philharmonic Orchestra tours all over Hillsborough County to perform for other schools and events  |
| Band            | • Superior Ratings at our Concert and Jazz Band Music Performance Assessments (MPA)  
|                  | • Annual Master Musician Scholarship Recipients, All-County and All-State Representatives  
|                  | • Annual Solo & Ensemble MPA Superior Recipients  
|                  | • Our Jazz Band tours all over Hillsborough County to perform for other schools and events  |

1st Elective:

Not sure what your talent or interest is yet? No problem! 6th Graders participate in a class called “The Wheel”. This class allows them to experience all the Orange Grove electives before having to choose for 2nd semester.

2nd Elective:

Students can choose to take Dance, P.E., Visual Art, Digital Art, Theatre, Tech Theater, Chorus, Orchestra or Band. If you already have an interest and would like to start in an elective right away, you may fill out a PE waiver, so that you may take Art, Theater, Chorus, Orchestra, or Band in place of PE/Dance.