

FINE ARTS

3501 Visual Art I

Grade Level: 9-12

Credit: 1

Visual Art I is an introductory foundational course. The elements and principles of art will be used to provide a broad range of experiences in drawing, design, painting, printmaking, sculpture, critical thinking exercises, and art history. Students are required to keep an art notebook throughout the course.

3502 Visual Art II

Grade Level: 10-12

Credit: 1

Recommended: Acceptable performance in Art I. Visual Art II utilizes the knowledge and skills learned in Art I, with more in-depth study in the areas of drawing, design, color, painting, sculpture, art history and art criticism. Written self-evaluations of artwork and oral presentations of the evaluations will be a part of the class work. Students are required to keep an art notebook/sketchbook throughout the course.

3503/3504 Visual Art III, IV

Grade Level: 11-12

Credit: 1

Recommended: Acceptable performance in Art II or Art III and teacher approval.

This course is for talented, serious, self-directed students who have displayed special abilities and commitment in the visual arts. The course will move at an accelerated pace so students can develop a body of high quality work for their portfolios. Written evaluations and oral presentations about the art work in student portfolios is required. All students in this class will be required to participate in several art shows and to keep a notebook/sketchbook throughout the course.

3530 Band I – Symphonic Band

Grade Level: 9 - 12

Credit: 1 per year

Recommended: Completion of feeder school's instrumental program or recommendation of the high school band director

Symphonic Band is a performance-oriented class in which technical skills are expanded and fine-tuned. The class is co-curricular, involving rehearsals and performances outside the school day.

3530 Band II – Wind Ensemble

Grade Level: 10-12

Credit: 1 per year

Recommended: Completion of audition or the recommendation of the high school director

Wind Ensemble is a more advanced performance-oriented class in which concert music is rehearsed throughout the year. Emphasis will be placed on the development of proper individual musicianship. The wind ensemble explores a variety of wind band literature. Audition is required for wind ensemble.

3530 Band III – Percussion

Grade Level: 9-12

Credit: 1 per year

Recommended: Completion of feeder school's instrumental program or recommendation of the high school band director

Percussion class is a performance-oriented class addressing the fundamental development of percussion techniques. The instructional focus is physical skill development leading to improved reading skills and improved overall musicianship.

3530 Band IV – Jazz Band

Grade Level: 9-12

Credit: 1 per year

Recommended: Director Recommendation

Jazz band is a performance-oriented class that teaches the fundamentals of Jazz and exposes students to the different styles in the Jazz idiom. There is a focus on the different techniques involved in improvisation and swing. The Jazz band performs at events and functions throughout the community.

5735 AP Music Theory

Grade level: 10 – 12

Credit: 1

Recommended: Band or Choral Director Approval
AP Music Theory is a college level class designed for the serious music student. Beginning with a review of the fundamentals of music notation, the course will include the study of music vocabulary, chord structure, key signatures, harmony, and complex rhythms. The music theory class will also emphasize the development of sight singing and ear training. The goal of AP Music theory is to prepare the students for the AP Exam.

3517 Music History

Grade Level: 9-12

Credit: 1

Music history provides an overview of music from the Renaissance, Baroque, Classical, Romantic and Contemporary stylistic periods. Parallels are drawn between historical events and their impact on the development of music. This course explores relationships between music and the other arts. Grades are based on class discussions, participation and written evaluations.

3520 Theatre Arts I

Introduction to Speech-Theatre

Grade Level: 9-12

Credit: 1

This entry-level class offers the student principles of public speaking and communication followed by a broad overview of theatre history, acting, technical theatre and aesthetics. The class meets the requirements for a fine arts credit.

3521 Theatre Arts II –Performance/History

Grade Level: 10-12

Credit: 1

Recommended: Successful completion of Theatre Arts I

This course will cover the history of theatre. Students will study and perform various scenes from the different historical genres. Major emphasis will be on the process of acting with attention to the audition process, resumes, relaxation techniques, dialogue study, character analysis and beginning directing.

3522 Theatre Arts III: Advanced Theatre Performance

Grade Level: 11-12

Credit: 1

Recommended: Successful completion of Theater Arts I and teacher approval

The class will study theatre safety, as well as all aspects of theatre that are necessary to mount a production. The students will learn concepts of publicity, makeup, costumes, props, and set construction. This course requires some hours outside of the classroom

3523 Theatre Arts IV – Advanced Theatre Performance

Grade Level: 12

Credit: 1

Recommended: Successful completion of Theater Arts 1-3 and teacher approval

This advanced course focuses on putting the students' previous learning and experience into practice. Students will be responsible for producing a theatrical presentation outside of class time to the school and community.