

HOPEWELL VALLEY CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL
PERFORMING ARTS ACADEMY PROGRAM DESCRIPTION 2023-24 (In-District)

CHS Performing Arts Academy

The Performing Arts Academy is open to all current 9th grade students that have an interest in pursuing a career, higher education degree, or simply receiving *advanced* instruction in the field of the Performing Arts. Entrance into the Academy is achieved by completing a successful audition in one of the following disciplines: dance, instrumental music (band or orchestra), voice, theater, or musical theater. Audition requirements can be located on the school website.

Upon acceptance, all students in grades 10, 11, and 12 will meet once weekly during the recitation period where they will collaborate with their peers and receive feedback and instruction on their selected performance pieces from the Academy teachers. Weekly attendance is required, and students are also expected to complete written and performance assignments. Students will be expected to showcase their performances twice throughout the year, with the culmination of the year being an evening recital performance. A specialized diploma honoring and recognizing successful academy students will be presented at the completion of their senior year during the commencement exercises.

Program Requirements

Students will further enhance their performance skills through their choice of performing arts electives as required by the course of study. Academy students are required to take 30 total elective credits (minimum) to receive the specialized diploma. Students will select courses as determined by their interests, with guidance from their school counselor and academy track advisor. Please see the chart below to view the HVRSD minimum graduation requirements and the additional coursework requirements of an academy student.

Performing Arts Academy Graduation Requirements

<u>Class of 2023, 2024, 2025, 2026</u>		
<u>Subject</u>	<u>H.S. Years</u>	<u>Credits</u>
English	4	20
History	3	15
Mathematics	3	15
Science *	3	15
Wellness	4	20
American Economics or Personal Finance	1/2	2.5
World Languages **	2	10
Practical Arts	1	5
Visual or Performing Arts	1	5
<i>Performing Arts Academy Electives (in addition to Arts reqs above)</i>	3	25
<i>Performing Arts Academy Course (non-scheduled course)</i>	3	15

Performing Arts Academy Total Required Credits: 147.5

Technology is integrated into all courses.

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SAMPLE Academy Program Course Sequences (suggested)

Dance Track: Students enrolled on our Dance Academy are required to enroll in 4 years of our sequential Dance curriculum, the non-scheduled Academy elective (recitation course), as well as other optional electives as suggested below:

9th Grade (1 elective)	10th Grade (2 electives)	11th Grade (2 electives)	12th Grade (2 electives)
Dance 1	Dance 2 PAA Elective (Theater or Choir)	Dance 3 PAA Elective (Theater, Choir, Intro to Theater Tech)	Dance 4 PAA Elective (Theater, Choir, Intro to Theater Tech, Music Theory)

Theater Arts Track: Students enrolled on our Theatre Arts Academy are required to enroll in 4 years of our sequential Theatre Arts curriculum, the non-scheduled Academy elective (recitation course), as well as other optional electives as suggested below:

9th Grade (1 elective)	10th Grade (2 electives)	11th Grade (2 electives)	12th Grade (2 electives)
Theater 1	Theater 2 PAA Elective (Choir or Dance or Intro to Theater Tech)	Theater 3 PAA Elective (Choir or Dance or Theater Tech II)	Advanced Scene Study and Directing (ASSAD) PAA Elective (Dance, Choir, or Theater Tech II)

Choir Track: Students enrolled on our Choir Academy are required to enroll in 4 years of our sequential Choir curriculum, the non-scheduled Academy elective (recitation course), as well as other optional electives as suggested below:

9th Grade (1 elective)	10th Grade (2 electives)	11th Grade (2 electives)	12th Grade (2 electives)
Curricular Choir	Curricular Choir PAA Elective (Music Theory or Theater or Piano)	Curricular Choir PAA Elective (AP Music Theory or Theater or Adv. Piano)	Curricular Choir PAA Elective (AP Music Theory, Student assistant, or Adv. Piano)

Band Track: Students enrolled on our Band Academy are required to enroll in 4 years of our sequential Band curriculum, the non-scheduled Academy elective (recitation course), as well as other optional electives as suggested below:

9th Grade (1 elective)	10th Grade (2 electives)	11th Grade (2 electives)	12th Grade (2 electives)
Symphonic Band	Symphonic Band PAA Elective (Piano or Choir)	Symphonic Band PAA Elective (Music Theory)	Symphonic Band PAA Elective (AP Music Theory or Adv. Piano)

Orchestra Track: Students enrolled on our Orchestra Academy are required to enroll in 4 years of sequential Orchestra curriculum, the non-scheduled Academy elective (recitation course), as well as other optional electives as suggested below:

9th Grade (1 elective)	10th Grade (2 electives)	11th Grade (2 electives)	12th Grade (2 electives)
Orchestra	Orchestra PAA Elective (Piano or Music Theory)	Orchestra PAA Elective (Music Theory or Adv. Piano)	Orchestra PAA Elective (AP Theory or Adv. Piano)

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