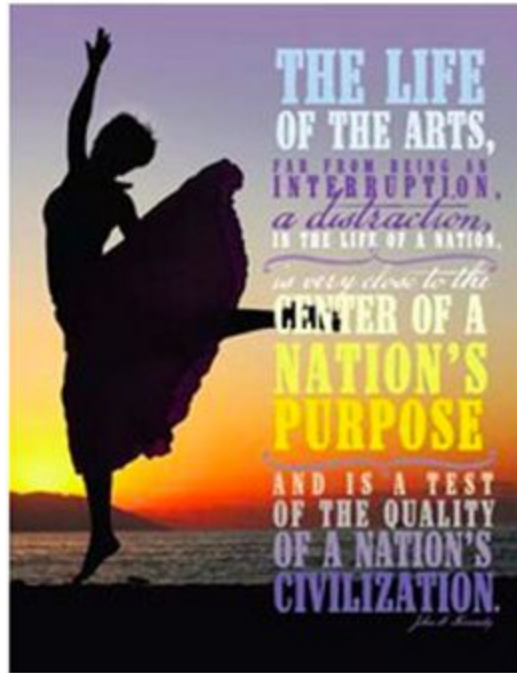


Ellsworth High School Visual/Performing Arts Academy



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EHS Visual/Performing Arts Academy

Mission Statement and Rationale

The Mission of the Visual and Performing Arts Academy (VPA) at Ellsworth High School is to provide a rigorous, comprehensive and technology infused arts program that will prepare our students for postsecondary education, careers, or other creative fields and instill a lifelong appreciation for the arts.

Ellsworth High School has a long tradition of graduating numerous students who pursue postsecondary education and careers in the arts. Each year 5-15 students choose Visual and Performing Arts as their lifelong passion. Over the past year we have had students placed at some of the most prestigious and competitive colleges in their fields such as Emerson College, Rhode Island School of Design, Boston University, American Academy of the Dramatic Arts, Savannah College of Art and Design, and Berklee College of Music to name a few. Our alumni are becoming successful artists and performers all over the nation and world appearing in film, theatre, and television as well as becoming working artists, teachers, and creators. We know that the VPA program at Ellsworth High School draws students to choose our school from among many in the region. We have had students travel from as far away as Castine, Cherryfield, and Bangor to participate in our program. The VPA Academy capitalizes on our already successful offerings while adding additional rigor, coursework, and providing flexibility in scheduling to make it possible for many to choose this honors pathway whether they pursue Visual and Performing Arts as a major or not.

ELLSWORTH HIGH SCHOOL

Visual & Performing Arts (VPA) Academy Credit Check

Area of Emphasis: Visual Arts Theatre/Dance
 Music Musical Theatre
 Media Communications

Student: _____ Counselor: _____
VPA Advisor: _____ Date: _____

English = 4.0 Units of Credit

_____ English 9 (1 Credit)
_____ English 10 (1 Credit)
_____ English 11 (1 Credit)
_____ English 12 (1 Credit)

Math = 3.0 Units of Credit

_____ Algebra I (1 Credit)
_____ Geometry (1 Credit)
_____ Algebra II (1 Credit)

Science = 3.0 Units of Credit

_____ Physical Science (1 Credit)
_____ Biology (1 Credit)
_____ Chemistry (1 Credit)

Physical Education = 1.0 Units of Credit

_____ (.5 Credit) _____
_____ (.5 Credit) _____

Social Studies = 3.0 Units of Credit

_____ Government (1 Credit)
_____ World History or AP World (1 Credit)
_____ US History or AP US History (1 Credit)

Health = .5 Units of Credit

_____ Health (.5 Credit)

Speech = .5 Units of Credit

_____ Public Speaking (.5 Credit)

VPA Courses = 5.5 Units of Credit

_____ (.5 Credit) _____
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_____ VPA History Seminar (.5 Credit)
_____ Junior Mentor/Apprenticeship (.5 Credits)*
_____ Capstone Project (.5 Credit)*

World Language = 2 Units of Credit

_____ (1 Credit)
_____ (1 Credit)

Electives = 2.0 Units of Credit

_____ (.5 Credit) _____
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TOTAL NUMBER OF CREDITS NEEDED TO ACQUIRE A VPA CERTIFICATE: 24.0

Total credits earned to date: _____

Credits still needed for VPA Certificate: _____

Comments: _____

VPA Course Requirements by Area of Focus

Visual Arts Focus:

- ___ .5 Credits Public Speaking
- ___ .5 Credits VPA History Seminar
- ___ 3.0 Credits Visual Arts Courses
- ___ .5 Art IA or B
- ___ .5 Art 2 A or B
- ___ .5 _____
- ___ .5 _____
- ___ .5 _____
- ___ .5 _____
- ___ .5 _____
- ___ 1.0 VPA Electives
(May be outside focus area)
- ___ .5 _____

- ___ .5 Credits Junior Internship
- ___ .5 Credits Capstone Project
- 5.5 Credits Total**

Theatre/Dance Focus:

- ___ .5 Credits Public Speaking
- ___ .5 Credits VPA History Seminar
- ___ 2.5 Credits Theatre/Dance Courses
- ___ .5 Dramatic Lit/Criticism
- ___ .5 _____
- ___ .5 _____
- ___ .5 _____
- ___ .5 _____
- ___ 1.0 VPA Electives
(May be outside focus area)
- ___ .5 _____
- ___ .5 _____

- ___ .5 Credits Junior Internship
- ___ .5 Credits Capstone Project
- 5.5 Credits Total**

Music Focus (Vocal/ Instrumental)

- ___ .5 Credits Public Speaking
- ___ .5 Credits VPA History Seminar
- ___ .5 Credits Music Theory/Ear Training
- ___ .5 Credits Piano
- ___ 2.0 Credits Music Ensembles
- ___ .5 _____
- ___ .5 _____
- ___ .5 _____
- ___ .5 _____
- ___ 1.0 VPA Electives
(May be outside focus area)
- ___ .5 _____

- ___ .5 Credits Junior Internship
- ___ .5 Credits Capstone Project
- 5.5 Credits Total**

Musical Theatre Focus:

- ___ .5 Credits Public Speaking
- ___ .5 Credits VPA History Seminar
- ___ .5 Credits Music Theory/Ear Training
- ___ .5 Credits Piano
- ___ .5 Drama Lit/Criticism
- ___ .5 Introduction to Theatre
- ___ .5 Introduction to Dance
- ___ .5 Introduction to Vocal
- ___ .5 _____ (VPA Elective)
- ___ 1.0 VPA Electives
(May be outside focus area)
- ___ .5 _____

- ___ .5 Credits Junior Internship
- ___ .5 Credits Capstone Project
- 5.5 Credits Total**

Media Communications Focus:

- ___ .5 Credits Public Speaking
- ___ .5 Credits Art IA or B
- ___ .5 Credits Intro. To Theatre
- ___ .5 Credits VPA History Seminar
- ___ 6.0 Credits Media Courses
- Capstone Project included in Media Coursework
- 8.0 Credits Total**

VPA Course Offerings:

All Disciplines

Public Speaking
VPA History Seminar
Junior Apprenticeship/ Mentorship
Senior Capstone Project

Visual Art Courses

2D Design 1, 3D Design 1
2D Design 2, 3D Design 2
Digital Art
Painting 1, Painting 2
Ceramics 1, Ceramics 2
Jewelry 1, Jewelry 2
Advanced Art
AP Art: Drawing, AP Art: 2D Design
AP Art: 3D Design

Music Courses

Concert Choir
Intro Vocal, Advanced Vocal
Symphonic Band
Music Theory/ Ear Training
Guitar/ Pop History
Jazz Improv/ Theory
Fundamentals In Music
Piano Class

Theatre/ Dance Courses

Intro Theatre, Advanced Theatre
Stagecraft Costumes, Stagecraft Sets
Intro Dance, Advanced Dance
All the World's a Stage
Dramatic Lit & Criticism

HCTC Media Communications Courses

Media Communications: Year 1
Media Communications: Year 2