

Norfolk Academy is dedicated to providing opportunities for an outstanding education and experience through the Visual and Performing Arts. A broad range of offerings allowing creation, performance, and observation enables students to develop their unique gifts and foster a lifelong appreciation of the Fine Arts.

Through participation and work in the Visual and Performing Arts, students gain personal insight as well as exposure to other cultures, develop skills, and learn about the historical development of art forms within each discipline. While acknowledging the importance of developing the discipline to maximize individual achievement and self-expression, we also celebrate and encourage students to work toward something greater than themselves. Through the variety of roles offered by membership in performing groups, ensembles, and productions, students learn how to work well together and to serve others.

As they do in life, the Visual and Performing Arts touch all facets of a student's experience at Norfolk Academy. To enhance the learning process and to show the interconnectedness of all things, the faculty strive to show relationships with history, and language, (written, spoken, mathematical, and scientific) in the academic curriculum as well as connections with the discipline, preparation, performance, and teamwork of the athletic realm.

*“The arts enhance the process of learning. The systems they nourish, which include our integrated sensory, attention, cognitive, emotional, and motor-capacities, are, in fact, the driving forces behind all of learning.”* (Jensen, E. 2001-Arts with the Brain in Mind)