

NORTH TONAWANDA HIGH SCHOOL

Academic Seal of Fine Arts



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The Academic Seal of Fine Arts is a four-year program that introduces students to various opportunities in Visual and Performing Arts. Along with the student's traditional curriculum, they are able to take coursework in a focused area that matches their personal interests.

Students interested in a Performing Arts concentration are offered a stimulating and exciting environment in which to develop their talents in the performance, creation, and academic study of Performing Arts. Students will acquire strong foundations in performance, composition, and music theory.

Students interested in a Visual Arts concentration are prepared for real-world practice of visual art. Students will become proactive members of the arts community and gain professional experiences to build their portfolio and professional resumes. Within this concentration, students can focus their creative skills to digital art that includes more content on computer graphic design, or traditional art that is focused more on drawing, painting, and sculpting.

We encourage all Arts students to explore the opportunities provided in Fine Arts and to take advantage of the possibility of earning our Academic Seal. We believe it is an attainable and worthwhile goal.

Required Courses:

Within the required coursework for high school graduation, students in the Seal of Fine Arts must complete a minimum of six (6) credits of specific coursework in any of the Arts Pathways.

<div> <div>PERFORMING ARTS PATHWAY</div> <div> <div>Ensemble Credits*3.0</div> <div>Music Theory 11.0</div> <div>Performing Arts Electives2.0</div> </div> <div>TOTAL OF SIX (6) Credits</div> <div>*performing ensemble can be in instrumental or vocal but must be a curricular course.</div> </div>	<div> <div>VISUAL ARTS PATHWAY</div> <div> <div>Studio In Art1.0</div> <div>Studio In Drawing and Painting1.0</div> <div>Studio In Adv. Drawing and Painting1.0</div> <div>Visual Arts Electives3.0</div> </div> <div>TOTAL OF SIX (6) Credits</div> </div>	<div> <div>FINE ARTS PATHWAY</div> <div> <div>Ensemble Credits3.0</div> <div>Studio In Art1.0</div> <div>Visual Arts Electives2.0</div> <div>Any Fine Arts Electives2.0</div> </div> <div>TOTAL OF EIGHT (8) Credits</div> </div>
<div> <div>PERFORMING ARTS ELECTIVES</div> <div> <div>Any Curricular Ensemble</div> <div>Music In Our Lives</div> <div>Music Theory 2</div> <div>Music Theory 3</div> <div>Theatre Arts</div> </div> </div>	<div> <div>VISUAL ARTS ELECTIVES</div> <div> <div>Ceramics*</div> <div>Advanced Ceramics*</div> <div>Creative Crafts*</div> <div>Fine Arts Appreciation*</div> <div>Drawing & Painting</div> <div>Advanced Drawing & Painting</div> <div>Advanced Painting</div> <div>Architecture</div> <div>Computer Graphics</div> <div>Graphic Design</div> <div>Animation & Game Design</div> <div>Photojournalism (yearbook)</div> <div>Drawing Design for Production</div> <div>Industrial Drawing</div> <div>AP Studio In Art</div> </div> <div>*1/2 year courses</div> </div>	

Academic Requirements:

Academic Seal designation - All required coursework successfully completed

Master Seal designation - All required coursework completed with an average of 90% or higher

Curricular Plan

A Curricular Plan provides a roadmap for completing this academic seal and the NTHS curriculum on time. Your actual plan may vary depending on enrollment date to the high school and/or transfer credit.

All students are encouraged to use this plan in conjunction with other academic planning resources such as your school counselor or the academic seal director(s).

In addition to following this course roadmap, all other academic requirements must be met in order to successfully receive a high school diploma.

PERFORMING ARTS PATHWAY

FRESHMAN YEAR

Ensemble	1.0
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SOPHOMORE YEAR

Music Theory 1	1.0
Ensemble	1.0

JUNIOR YEAR

Ensemble	1.0
Performing Arts Elective	1.0

SENIOR YEAR

Ensemble / Elective	1.0
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VISUAL ARTS PATHWAY

FRESHMAN YEAR

Studio In Art	1.0
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SOPHOMORE YEAR

Studio Drawing & Painting	1.0
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JUNIOR YEAR

Studio Adv. Drawing & Painting	1.0
Visual Arts Elective	1.0

SENIOR YEAR

Visual Arts Electives	2.0
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FINE ARTS PATHWAY

FRESHMAN YEAR

Ensemble	1.0
Studio In Art	1.0

SOPHOMORE YEAR

Ensemble	1.0
Visual Arts Elective	1.0

JUNIOR YEAR

Ensemble	1.0
Visual or Performing Arts Elective	1.0

SENIOR YEAR

Visual Arts Elective	1.0
Visual or Performing Arts Elective	1.0

With Distinction

Students who go beyond the curricular responsibilities of the Academic Seal of Fine Arts, may earn an additional level of recognition. The Academic Seal of Fine Arts with Distinction. This is earned by earning points for outside of class honors and/or work. These are the opportunities for distinction and the point requirements.

PERFORMING ARTS *With Distinction*

NCMEA All County Audition	1.0
NCMEA All County Participation	2.0
NYSSMA Solo Adjudication	2.0
Area All State Participation	3.0
All State Participation	4.0
HS Musical Participation	2.0
HS Play Participation	1.0
Pit Orchestra Participation	2.0
Jazz Ensemble Participation	2.0
Vocal Jazz Participation	2.0
Pep Band Participation	2.0

To earn the Fine Arts Seal *With Distinction*, in Performing Arts, a student must earn 25 points during their tenure at North Tonawanda High School.

VISUAL ARTS *With Distinction*

Selected to show at The Carnegie	2.0
Selected to show at District Show	2.0
Artist Of The Month	3.0
Student Gallery	1.0

To earn the Fine Arts Seal *With Distinction*, in Visual Arts, a student must earn 20 points during their tenure at North Tonawanda High School.

FINE ARTS *With Distinction*

Students can earn points from either the Performing or Visual Arts lists.

To earn the Fine Arts Seal *With Distinction*, in Visual Arts, a student must earn 30 points during their tenure at North Tonawanda High School.