



Academy for Performing Arts

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MISSION STATEMENT: The Academy for Performing Arts is an innovative four-year high school, immersing students in honors' level academics while training in a pre-professional artistic setting with majors such as theatre, dance, or technical theatre. The Academy fosters the discipline, integrity and passion necessary for students to succeed at the post-secondary level and as members of the performing arts community. The culmination of the program allows students to complete their senior year by taking college-level courses and receiving college credit at Kean University.

Academy for Performing Arts Career & Technical Education Course Sequence	
Grade 9	Dance I, Theatre I, Technical Theatre I
Grade 10	Dance II, Theatre II, Technical Theatre II
Grade 11	Dance III, Theatre III, Technical Theatre III
Grade 12	<i>Dance Majors:</i> Technique & Theory of Ballet*, Technique & Theory of Modern*, Technique & Theory of Jazz*, Dance Styles* <i>Theatre Majors:</i> Advanced Scene Study*, Performer's Presence*, Improvisation*, Plays: On the Page and On the Stage*, Dance in Musical Theatre* <i>Technical Theatre Majors:</i> Introduction to Performance Design*, Technical Theatre IIA*, Plays: On the Page and On the Stage*, Technical Theatre IIB*
CTE Electives	Dance Lab, Dance Lab for Non-Majors, Technical Theatre Lab, Technical Theatre Lab for Non Majors, Vocal Performance, Musical Theatre, Creative Writing, Music Technology

*Kean University course

ARTICULATION AGREEMENT WITH KEAN UNIVERSITY: The Academy for Performing Arts, in conjunction with Kean University, provides its students the opportunity to earn college credit. Students spend their high school senior year at Kean University taking a full freshman college course load, which includes a concentration in their Performing Arts major. In addition, students are given the opportunity to select courses from Kean's highly selective NJ Center for Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) curriculum. Credit and grades earned through this collaborative program appear on an official transcript from Kean University.

ADVISORY BOARD: The Academy for Performing Arts works in close conjunction with members of the performing arts community in order to help our students prepare for the challenging demands of a career in the arts. Our advisory board consists of members from Kean University, Rutgers University, George Street Playhouse, Carolyn Dorfman Dance Company, Playwright's Theatre, and APA parents, students, and faculty.