



*Fine*

*Arts*

*Music*

*Experience*



*The FAME Academy at  
Pemberton Township  
High School*



*Pemberton Learning Community:  
Pursuing Excellence One Child at a Time*

# Welcome to the **FAME** Academy



The mission of the Pemberton Township High School FAME Academy is to provide students with a specialized, yet comprehensive, high school education that meets or exceeds the New Jersey Core Curriculum Content Standards as it prepares students for success in their lives beyond high school.

The Academy unifies students and staff members who share a passion for the visual and performing arts. Educational research strongly supports the positive role that arts education plays in helping students develop important skills that will contribute to their success, regardless of their chosen profession. Specifically, research related to arts in education has found the following:

- Students who participate in the arts outperform their peers on virtually every measure. Researchers found that “sustained learning” in music and theater correlates to greater success in math and reading.<sup>1</sup>
- Cognitive neuroscientists at seven major universities have found strong links between arts education and cognitive development (e.g. thinking, problem solving, concept understanding, information processing and overall intelligence.)<sup>2</sup>
- 8th graders from under-resourced environments who are highly involved in the arts have better grades, less likelihood of dropping out by grade 10, have more positive attitudes about school, and are more likely to go on to college.<sup>3</sup>
- “The arts teach children that in complex forms of problem solving purposes are seldom fixed, but change with circumstance and opportunity. Learning in the arts requires the ability and a willingness to surrender to the unanticipated possibilities of the work as it unfolds.”<sup>4</sup>

<sup>1</sup>Champions of Change: The Impact of the Arts on Learning (1999)

<sup>2</sup>Learning, Arts, and the Brain (2008)

<sup>3</sup>Doing Well and Doing Good by Doing Art: A 12- Year Longitudinal Study (2009)

<sup>4</sup>The Arts and the Creation of Mind (2002)

## FAME ACADEMY COURSES OF STUDY

### Visual Art

AP Studio Art  
Ceramics & 3-D Design  
Fine Art I, II, III & AP  
Jewelry Making

### Instrumental Music

AP Music Theory  
Concert Band  
Contemporary Music  
Guitar I, II & III  
Percussion Ensemble  
Marching Band  
Piano Lab I, II & III

### TV Production

Intro to Television & Journalism  
TV Production I, II, III

### Vocal Music

Choraliers  
Concert Choir  
Exploring the Voice  
Select Women’s Ensemble  
Vocal Seminar

### Graphic Arts

Graphic Arts I, II & II



*“What art offers is space – a certain breathing room for the spirit” – John Updike*

# Eligibility Requirements and Expectations

- Students interested in enrolling in the FAME Academy should simply notify their guidance counselor. Your counselor will notify teachers in the Academy of your intent to complete the required coursework and participate in the Academy events.
- Enrollment in the Academy will make you eligible to participate in a variety of field trips, presentations, and special activities that are exclusively designed for students who share your interest in the visual and/or performing arts.
- FAME Academy students must comply with all school rules in order to participate in the Academy activities and events.
- In order to earn the FAME Academy Certificate and to be eligible for the FAME Academy scholarship, students must complete a minimum of 35 credits during their high school experience and participate in events and community service.



*“The aim of art is to represent not the outward appearance of things, but their inward significance.” ~Aristotle*

## Visual Arts Course Sequence

Grade 9	Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12
English I	English II	English III	English IV
Comp Science	Biology	Chemistry	Science Elective
Algebra I or Algebra II	Algebra II or Geometry	Geometry or Third Level Math	Fourth Level Math
World History	US History I	US History II	
Health/PE	Health/PE	Health/PE	Health/PE
World Language	World Language		Internship
2 FAME Electives	2 FAME Electives	2-3 FAME Electives	Up to 6 FAME Electives



### Full-Year Electives

AP Studio Art



### Semester Electives

Ceramics & 3D Design

Fine Art I  
 Fine Art II  
 Fine Art III  
 Graphic Arts I  
 Graphic Arts II

Graphic Arts III  
 Intro to Television & Journalism  
 Jewelry Making  
 Television Production I  
 Television Production II  
 Television Production III

## Performing Arts Course Sequence

Grade 9	Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12
English I	English II	English III	English IV
Comp Science	Biology	Chemistry	
Algebra I or Algebra II	Algebra II or Geometry	Geometry or Third Level Math	Fourth Level Math
World History	US History I	US History II	
Health/PE	Health/PE	Health/PE	Health/PE
World Language	World Language		Internship
2 FAME Electives	2 FAME Electives	2-3 FAME Electives	Up to 6 FAME Electives



### Full-Year Electives

AP Music Theory  
Choraliers  
Concert Band  
Concert Choir  
Select Women's Ensemble

### Semester Electives

Contemporary Music Ensemble  
Exploring the Voice  
Guitar I  
Guitar II, III  
Marching Band  
Percussion Ensemble  
Piano Lab I  
Piano Lab II, III  
Vocal Seminar



## FAME Clubs & Activities

**Extend your FAME experience beyond the regular school day with these clubs & activities!**

Anime Club  
Art Club  
Jazz Band

Men's Ensemble  
Musical  
Tri-M Honor Society (application required)

Marching Band (2.5 credits)  
Winter Indoor Guard  
Winter Indoor Percussion



*You can get there from here!*

**For more information on the  
Fine Arts Music Experience Academy,  
contact the PTHS Counseling Center at  
609-893-8141, ext. 1088**