

# 8th Grade

Visual Arts & Performing Arts  
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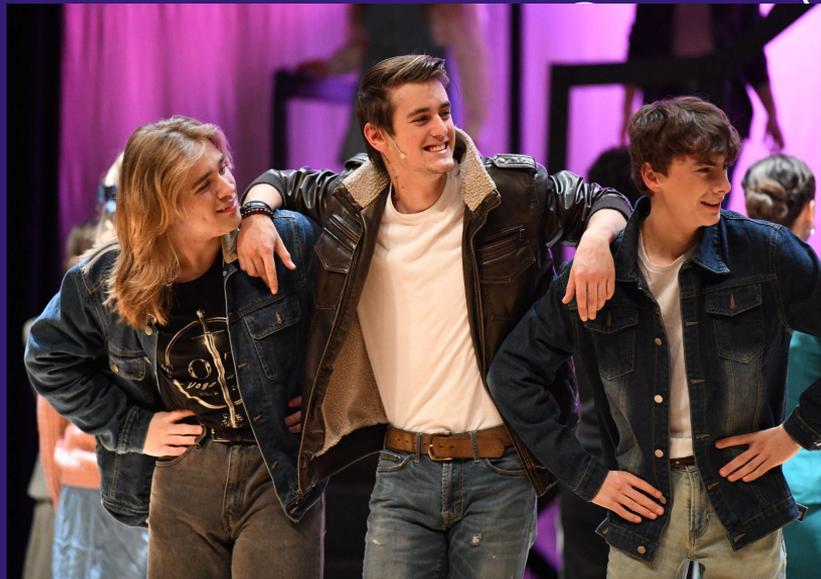




## Welcome Future PHS Students!

As you start to think about your time beyond middle school and your future at PHS, you have many decisions to make. I hope that this presentation can serve as a resource that can answer any questions you may have about the music and art programs at PHS. We have many courses in art and music and there is no shortage of ways to become involved. We welcome all of you to become a part of our visual and performing arts departments! A reminder that by the time you graduate from PHS, you must take at least 2 credits in the VPA department.

Let's



Get



Excited!



## Frequently asked questions by 8th graders:

**1. *Can I be in sports and be in music?***

Absolutely! The majority of our music students are involved in athletics. Many are 3 season athletes.

**2. *If I take a music or art course, how can that fit into my schedule?***

Every music and art course is scheduled just like any other course at PHS. It will depend on if the class is a semester 2 credit course, or a full year, 4 credit course. A few sample 9th grade schedules will be in the next slide.

**3. *Can I take more than 1 music or art class?***

Yes! We have students that take multiple music and/or art classes over the course of their 4 years at PHS.

**4. *I have never done music or art, can I still be in the program?***

Of course! Any student is welcome in our programs! Check the program of studies course blurbs for courses that require no-prerequisite. Reminder that there is a semester (2 credit) VPA requirement for Graduation.

**Music Department Informational Video  
For current 8th graders going into 9th grade at PHS**



# Examples of 9th grade schedule

GEOMETRY HONORS Walsh, Abigail - Rm: A112	NINTH GRADE BAND Glass, Austin - Rm: B193	GEOMETRY HONORS Walsh, Abigail - Rm: A112
NINTH GRADE TREBLE CHOIR Chapman, Gwynne - Rm: B183	FRENCH II HONORS Elfilali, Ouidad - Rm: A224	BIOLOGY HONORS Townsend, Karyn - Rm: A129
SPANISH II HONORS Lopez-Whitehill, Rosa - Rm: A222	WORLD HISTORY CP Hall, Theresa Mary - Rm: A266	SPANISH II HONORS Lopez-Whitehill, Rosa - Rm: A222
GENRE STUDIES AND COMP HONORS Talbot, Carolyn - Rm: A206	GENRE STUDIES AND COMP Clapp, Tyler - Rm: A211	GENRE STUDIES AND COMP HONORS Talbot, Carolyn - Rm: A206
HEALTH AND WELLNESS GRADE 9 DePontbriand, Laura Kay - Rm: GYM	GEOMETRY HONORS Infascelli, Courtney A - Rm: A114	PLTW PRINCIPLES OF BIO MED SCI HONORS Cartee, Tara - Rm: A152
DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY Lazarus, Jessica - Rm: B251	HEALTH AND WELLNESS GRADE 9 Rooney, James P - Rm: GYM	HEALTH AND WELLNESS GRADE 9 Rooney, James P - Rm: GYM
WORLD HISTORY HONORS Rose, Jessica Anne - Rm: A267	PIANO LAB  Tarbox, Gregory R - Rm: B256	PIANO LAB  Tarbox, Gregory R - Rm: B256
BIOLOGY HONORS Townsend, Karyn - Rm: A129	BIOLOGY CP  Kenny, Neil - Rm: A151	WORLD HISTORY HONORS McDonough, Leslie Jeanne - Rm: A262
PHS ADVISORY Whalen, Courtney Lauren - Rm: A103	PHS ADVISORY Elfilali, Ouidad - Rm: A224	PHS ADVISORY Consolati, Paul - Rm: A107
		BIOMEDICAL PATHWAY Gates, Maryellen - Rm:

# Music Courses for 9th Graders

## *Performing Ensembles:*

- Ninth Grade Band (Fall semester, 2 credits OR Full-Year, 4 credits)
- Ninth Grade Chorus (Fall semester, 2 credits OR Full-Year, 4 credits)
- Concert Orchestra (Fall semester, 2 credits OR Full-Year, 4 credits)

## *Non-Performing Courses: All 2 credit semester courses*

- Piano Lab I & Piano Lab II
- Guitar Lab I & Guitar Lab II
- Rock Band
- Music Technology
- Music Theory

# Art Courses for 9th Graders

*Semester Courses - 2 credits, no prerequisite required*

- Studio Art 1
- Ceramics
- 3D Design
- Digital Arts I
- Web & App Design
- Digital Photography
- 3D Printing & Product Design

*Full Year Course 4 credits, requires Mrs. Gillis' recommendation*

- Honors Studio Art I

# Extra Curricular Offerings



# ART CLUB



Open to all students in grades 9-12

Meets after school every other week

# MUSIC CLUBS

Open to all students in grades 9-12

Women's Choir

Mostly Men's Choir

Jazz Band

Audio Engineering Club

Tonal Eclipse - student directed

Thespian Troupe #7127  
(drama club)

2025 Fall Musical - *Seussical*

Winter Full Length Play

Spring Festival of Plays



# MUSIC PATHWAY INFORMATION

## Music Pathway

Students pursuing a designation as a Pathways Scholar in Music must complete a certain number of required electives and an internship or capstone project. The Pathway Map below identifies which electives count towards the Music Pathway. Students can choose to select a specific specialty of focus: Band, Chorus, or Orchestra.

### Scope and Sequence

	Required Electives*	Recommended Additional Electives that count towards Music Pathway Credit
<b>Year 1</b>	Ninth Grade Band (4) Concert Choir (4) Concert Orchestra (4)	Music Theory (2)  Piano Lab I (2)  Piano Lab II (2)
<b>Year 2</b>	Concert Band (4) or Honors Wind Ensemble (4) Concert Choir (4) or Honors Chamber Singers (4) Concert Orchestra (4)	Guitar Lab I (2)  Guitar Lab II (2)
<b>Year 3</b>	Concert Band (4) or Honors Wind Ensemble (4) Concert Choir (4) or Honors Chamber Singers (4) Concert Orchestra (4)  Honors Music Major 11-12 (4)	World Language IV or AP World Language -11-12 (4)  Music Technology  Rock Band
<b>Year 4</b>	Concert Band (4) or Honors Wind Ensemble (4) Concert Choir (4) or Honors Chamber Singers (4) Concert Orchestra (4)  Internship (2)	

*\*Recommended sequence of classes*

\*Number of Required Credits - 22 Credits

\*Number of Total Credits for Certification - 22

Credits 25% of 88 credits for graduation

**Potential Career Paths** Performing musician/artist, music education, music business, audio engineering, composer, private lesson teacher, performing artists management, director of a performing arts center, church musician, studio musician.

# DIGITAL ARTS PATHWAY INFORMATION

## Digital Arts Pathway

Students pursuing a designation as a Pathways Scholar in Digital Arts must complete a certain number of required electives and an internship, certification, or capstone project. The Pathway Map below identifies which electives count towards the Digital Arts Pathway.

### Scope and Sequence

	Required Electives*	Recommended Additional Electives that count towards Digital Arts Pathway Credit
<b>Year 1</b>	Digital Arts I - 9-12 (2) Digital Arts II- 9-12 (2)**	Studio Art I -(Honors/CP) 9-11 (4/2)
<b>Year 2</b>	Digital Arts III - 10-12 (2)**	3D Modeling and Information - 10-12 (4)
<b>Year 3</b>	Digital Arts IV - (Honors/CP) -10-12 (4)**	3D Printing and Product Design - 9-12 (2) Business Communication - 9 -12 (2)
<b>Year 4</b>	Students must select a minimum of (six) credits from the course below: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Digital Arts Capstone V (Honors/CP) -11-12 (4)**</li> <li>• Internship (2)</li> <li>• Adobe Certification (Photoshop, Illustrator) (2)</li> </ul>	Exploring Computer Science Programming - 9-12 (2) Graphic Novels (Honors/CP)- 12 - (2) Web & App Design - 9 -12 (2) Digital Photography - 9-12 (2) World Language IV or AP World Language - 11-12 (4)

\*Recommended sequence of classes

\*\*Successful completion of Prerequisite class required. See the Program of Studies for more information.

\*Number of Required Credits - 16 Credits

\*Number of Total Credits for Certification - 22 Credits

25% of 88 credits required for graduation

**Potential Career Paths:** 3D Modeler, Book Illustrator, Comic Book Artist, Computer Animator, Game Level Designer, Graphic Designer, Layout Artist, Logo Designer, Medical Illustrator, Multimedia Designer, App Designer, Storyboard Artist, User Experience (UX) and Web Designer