

HOPEWELL VALLEY CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL  
**PERFORMING ARTS ACADEMY APPLICATION & AUDITION REQUIREMENTS 2019-20 (HVRSD STUDENTS)**

**Current HVRSD Students:** Please return completed application **by March 1st, 2019** to the Timberlane Middle School Main Office or CHS Main Office, % Ron Heller, Supervisor. Questions? Call 609-737-4000 ext. 4120 or speak to your guidance counselor. All students are required to audition and must take 2 PA electives in 9th and 10th gr.

**Applicant's Name** (Last, First): \_\_\_\_\_

**Recommending Arts Teacher(s):** \_\_\_\_\_ Arias \_\_\_\_\_ Jenkins \_\_\_\_\_ Passerella \_\_\_\_\_ Schubin \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Cook \_\_\_\_\_ Morse \_\_\_\_\_ Rochon \_\_\_\_\_ Schwartz \_\_\_\_\_ White \_\_\_\_\_ \*Other \*If marked Other above, please list  
 teacher name here \_\_\_\_\_

**Grade next year** (circle one): 9 10 **Current Guidance Counselor:** \_\_\_\_\_

I wish to apply to the following Academy (Academies are listed in **Bold** below): Only enter a Secondary Interest only if interested in auditioning to two Academies. A Secondary Interest is not required

Primary Interest (See choices below. *list specific instrument/voice part, if applicable*): \_\_\_\_\_

Secondary Interest (See choices below. *list specific instrument/voice part, if applicable*): \_\_\_\_\_

**Dance                      Band (Woodwind, Brass, Percussion, Guitar [electric], Bass [elec. or upright], Drum Set)**

**Theatre Arts- Drama      Theatre Arts- Musical Theatre      Orchestra (all orchestral stringed instruments)**

**Vocal Music  Check Box if Accompanist is needed for Vocal Audition**

**STUDENT QUESTIONNAIRE:** (List all relevant experiences, both in and out of school)

Please check "yes" or "no" to indicate which of the following areas you have experience.	YES	NO	Briefly explain/describe: (where, when, with whom, etc. If additional space is needed, please attach to this form. The more detailed, the better.)
<i>Private Lessons</i>			
<i>Band/Orchestra Experience</i>			
<i>Singing Experience</i>			
<i>Chamber Music</i>			
<i>Dance Experience</i>			
<i>Theatre Experience</i>			
<i>Artistic Achievements</i>			
<i>Rock, Jazz and/or Original Band/Ensemble Experience</i>			

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All HVRSD students are required to audition for consideration into an Academy. Please list your order of preference for an audition date. While we will make every effort to accommodate your date preference, we reserve the right to assign an audition date other than what you have listed. Once your application is received, you will be notified of the date and time of your live audition. **Please indicate 1st preference with a (1) and 2nd preference with a (2):**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Tuesday, April 16th, 2019, after-school at CHS**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Wednesday, April 17th, 2019, after-school at CHS**

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For each program that you are applying for, you must prepare an audition meeting the requirements which are listed, by program, below. In addition to these requirements, the audition will conclude with a brief (5-10 minute) interview. **NOTE:** For musical theatre, you must prepare both the monologue AND a song of your choice.

**DANCE AUDITION** - Questions? Call at 609-737-4000 ext. 3228

- 1) Execute one short ballet exercise at the barre or in center
  - Can be shown with or without music
  - Suggested exercises: plies, degages, grand battements, a short allegro or adagio combination
- 2) Perform a short solo in the style of your choice, no more than two minutes in length
  - Must be a choreographed solo (not improvised)
  - A stereo with an aux cable and CD player will be provided for audio playback
- 3) Completion of the Personal Statement Form (completed prior to, and submitted at audition)

**THEATRE ARTS (DRAMA/MUSICAL THEATRE) AUDITION** - Questions? Call at 609-737-4000 ext. 3682

- 1) Perform a two-minute comedic or dramatic monologue, or song of your choice
  - Must be from a published play or musical
  - Must be from no earlier than 1920

2) Short cold reading of a piece provided at audition

3) Completion of the Personal Statement Form (completed prior to, and submitted at audition)

**NOTE:** For musical theatre, you must prepare both the monologue AND a song of your choice from #1 above.

**VOCAL MUSIC AUDITION** - Questions? Call at 609-737-4000 ext. 3625

- 1) Three major scales (low, middle, high)
  - One octave; up and down; on neutral syllables, numbers, or solfege



- 2) Solo piece of your choice, no more than three minutes in length
  - Piece can be sung a cappella, or with piano accompaniment
  - In the case of an accompanied solo, sheet music must be provided at the audition
- 3) Short sight-reading example provided at audition
- 4) Completion of the Personal Statement Form (completed prior to, and submitted at audition)
- 5) OPTIONAL: Please prepare a small jazz solo in a swing style- no more than one page in length. Also, you may prepare a short scat solo over a 12-bar Bb Blues (one chorus at a medium swing tempo)

**INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC AUDITION** - All Strings, Brass, Woodwind, and Percussion instruments typically found in a concert band or orchestra, plus Bass (upright or electric), Guitar, Piano, and Drum Set. Questions? Call at 609-737-4000 ext. 3685 for band; ext. 3649 for orchestra

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1) Three major scales of your choice:

- As many octaves as possible, played on the following rhythm in an even tempo. We may ask for scales to be played in a variety of tempos and articulations, slurred or tongued (if appropriate):



- Unaccompanied etude or solo piece of your choice, no more than three minutes in length.
- Short sight-reading example provided at audition.
- Completion of the Personal Statement Form (completed prior to, and submitted at audition.)
- OPTIONAL: Students can prepare an improvised solo in a swing or rock style over a 12-bar blues progression in the key of Bb or F.

**INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC AUDITION** - Questions? Call at 609-737-4000 ext. 3685

1) FOR NON-PITCHED PERCUSSION, the major scales (part 1) will be replaced with snare drum rudiments:

- five-stroke roll
- nine-stroke roll
- flam tap
- drag
- multiple bounce roll

2) Completion of the Personal Statement Form (completed prior to, and submitted at audition)

3) For drum set only applicants, see requirements below under OPTIONAL.

OPTIONAL: In addition to above, please bring your drum set and perform an 8th note rock, swing, and shuffle rhythm at a variety of tempos. Also, prepare a drum solo in the style of your choosing.

**FIVE STROKE ROLL**



**NINE STROKE ROLL**

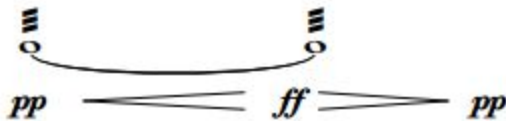


play 8 times cresc.,  
8 times dim.

**FLAM TAP**



**Multiple Bounce, Closed, Buzzed, Long Roll**



Play for  
15 seconds

**DRAG**





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**Vision Statement**

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**Program Requirements**

All students must audition successfully for placement into an Academy, which begins in 9th Grade. Academy students are required to take 40 sequential elective credits as outlined in Academy tracks below as well as perform collaborative, original Creative Lab works in the spring of both their Junior and Senior Year. Due to the nature of this program and electives required, students would not be eligible for AP courses that require double periods (such as AP science courses- see your guidance counselor for more info) The Performing Arts Academy is designed for the student who wishes to pursue collegiate and/or professional careers in the Performing Arts post graduation.

**CHS Performing Arts Academy**

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**Performing Arts Academy Graduation Requirements**

English	20 credits
Math	15 credits
Science	15 credits
Social Studies	15 credits
Wellness	20 credits
World Language	10 credits
Economics	2.5 credits
Academy 9 & 10	2.5 credits
Practical Art Elective	5 credits
Performing Arts Elective	40 credits
Creative Lab 11	5 Credits
Creative Lab 12	5 Credits

**Performing Arts Academy Total Required: 155 credits minimum**

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**Academy Program Course Sequence**

**Dance Academy:** Students enrolled on our Dance Academy are required to enroll in 4 years of our sequential Dance curriculum, our Interdisciplinary Creative Lab in 11th and 12th gr., as well as other elective requirements as described below: *\*\*Dance students are required to take Music Theory in 9th or 10th Grade*

9th Grade (2 electives)	10th Grade (2 electives)	11th Grade (2 Elec. + CL)	12th Grade (2 Elec. + CL)
<b>Dance 1</b> (**Music Theory or Choir or Theatre)	<b>Dance 2</b> (**Music Theory or Choir or Theatre)	<b>Dance 3 Creative Lab</b> Intro to Theatre Tech	<b>Dance 4 Creative Lab</b> (Theatre 2, Choir, or Theatre Tech 2)

**Theatre Arts Track:** Students enrolled on our Theatre Arts Academy are required to enroll in 4 years of our sequential Theatre Arts curriculum, our interdisciplinary Creative Lab in 11th and 12th gr., as well as other elective requirements as described below: *\*Theatre Arts students are required to take Theatre Tech in 10th or 11th grade:*

9th Grade (2 electives)	10th Grade (2 electives)	11th Grade (2 Elec. + CL)	12th Grade (2 Elec. + CL)
<b>Theatre 1</b> (Choir or Dance)	<b>Theatre 2</b> (Choir or Dance or **Theatre Tech)	<b>Theatre 3 Creative Lab</b> (Choir or Dance or **Theatre Tech)	<b>Advanced Scene Study and Directing (ASSAD) Creative Lab</b> (Dance, Choir, or Theatre Tech II)

**Choir Track:** Students enrolled on our Choir Academy are required to enroll in 4 years of our sequential Choir curriculum, our Interdisciplinary Creative Lab in 11th and 12th gr., as well as other elective requirements as described below:

9th Grade (2 electives)	10th Grade (2 electives)	11th Grade (2 Elec. + CL)	12th Grade (2 Elec. + CL)
<b>Concert Choir</b> Piano	<b>Ragazze or Chamber Singers</b> Music Theory	<b>Ragazze or Chamber Singers Creative Lab</b> (AP Music Theory or Adv. Piano)	<b>Ragazze or Chamber Singers Creative Lab</b> (AP Music Theory or 2nd Choir or Adv. Piano)

**Band Track:** Students enrolled on our Band Academy are required to enroll in 4 years of our sequential Band curriculum, our Interdisciplinary Creative Lab in 11th and 12th gr., as well as other elective requirements as described below:

9th Grade (2 electives)	10th Grade (2 electives)	11th Grade (2 Elec. + CL)	12th Grade (2 Elec. + CL)
<b>Symphonic Band</b> Piano or Choir	<b>Symphonic Band</b> Piano or Choir	<b>Symphonic Band Creative Lab</b> Music Theory	<b>Symphonic Band Creative Lab</b> (AP Music Theory or Adv. Piano)

**Orchestra Track:** Students enrolled on our Orchestra Academy are required to enroll in 4 years of sequential Orchestra curriculum, our Interdisciplinary Creative Lab in 11th and 12th gr., as well as other elective requirements as described below: *\*\*Orchestra students are required to take Music Theory in 9th or 10th grade*

9th Grade (2 electives)	10th Grade (2 electives)	11th Grade (2 Elec. + CL)	12th Grade (2 Elec. + CL)
<b>Orchestra</b> (Piano or **Music Theory)	<b>Orchestra</b> (Piano or ** Music Theory)	<b>Orchestra Creative Lab</b> (Music Theory or Adv. Piano)	<b>Orchestra Creative Lab</b> (AP Theory or Adv.Piano)

## FAQ

### **Q: What is the main difference between being in the Academy versus simply taking the elective courses on my own?**

- There are two main differences. The first is that Academy students are required to take a specific, sequential electives that are unique to each Academy- each building upon skills learned in previous years. Non-Academy students do not have these limitations.
- The second difference is that only Academy students can take Creative Lab. This is a course for career-driven students who will 'push the envelope' in terms of creativity and cross-discipline collaboration in ways that have never been done before!
- It's important to remember that the Academy may not be the best option for all students who are passionate about the Performing Arts. Remember, due to the course load requirements and rigor of the Academy, it may not be the best choice for you unless you feel confident in pursuing the arts as a career and/or at the college or university level. Our curricular Performing Arts courses are still available to you whether or not you choose to be in the Academy and, in fact, may be a better option for you if you are unsure about your post-high school pursuits.

### **Q: Do Theatre Arts Academy Students automatically have a part in the school play/musical?**

- No. The Theatre Arts Academy student receives a rich curricular experience through the course work and Creative Lab experience that is not directly connected to participation in extra-curricular school productions. Participation in the play/musical is encouraged and, although Theatre Academy students are expected to audition, there is no guarantee that an Academy student will earn a spot, as she/he will need to audition along with all interested CHS students.

### **Q: Can a student switch Academies when they want to?**

- A student would need to audition into the corresponding Main Elective Course for the upcoming year. (i.e., Band Academy student wants to switch to Dance Academy for Junior Year would have to successfully audition into Dance 3) and be in good standing in her current Academy track.

### **Q: Aside from a rich, curricular experience what else does an Academy student earn upon graduation?**

- Academy students will be awarded a special certificate at graduation.
- Students will be well-prepared to continue their Performing Arts studies at the collegiate and/or professional level.