



Visual and Performing Arts Graduation Endorsement Attainment Levels

VPA Endorsement	6 or 7 VPA course credits earned within a discipline.
VPA Endorsement with Merit	8 or 9 VPA course credits earned within a discipline.
VPA Endorsement with Distinction	10 or more VPA course credits earned within a discipline.

Visual and Performing Arts Graduation Endorsement Requirements

The VPA Graduation Endorsement has the following requirements:

- Students must apply for the VPA Graduation Endorsement no later than the end of quarter 3 of their graduating year.
- Students must earn a 2.5 unweighted GPA by the end of quarter 3 of their graduating year.
- Students must take at least 6 credits within the endorsement track. At least two thirds of the total courses must pertain to the student’s VPA track.
- Students must take at least one course in their VPA track their graduating year as assigned by their discipline’s lead teacher.
- Students may earn higher recognition for VPA achievement with additional course work within their discipline or extracurricular activities related to their discipline at the lead teacher’s discretion.
- The endorsement may be awarded to transfer students with 2 fewer credits required per attainment level if the student did not have the opportunity to take courses in their chosen discipline at their prior school and at the discretion of the discipline’s lead teacher.

Visual and Performing Arts Graduation Endorsement Courses: Acting

Required courses (4-6 credits)	Supplemental courses (2-6 credits)
Theatre I	Theatre IV Honors
Theatre II	Acting IV Honors
Theatre III Honors	Musical Theatre I, II, III Honors
Acting I	Chorus I, II, III, IV Honors
Acting II	Vocal Ensemble I, II, III, IV Honors
Acting III Honors	Vocal Techniques I, II, III, IV Honors
	Dance Techniques I, II, III Honors, IV Honors
	Technical Theatre Design and Production I, II, III, IV
	Theatrical Directing and Stage Management I, II
	Voice and Diction

Visual and Performing Arts Graduation Endorsement Courses: Band

Required courses (6 credits)	Supplemental courses (0-6 credits)
Band I Band II Band III Band IV and Band V Honors & VI Honors or Jazz Ensemble I & II or Instrumental Techniques I & II (Percussion Tech)	Jazz Ensemble I, II, III, IV Honors Music Theory I, II Honors Music Ensemble I, II, III, IV Honors (Commercial Music) Instrumental Ensemble I, II, III, IV Honors (Percussion) Instrumental Techniques I, II, III, IV (Percussion Tech) Music Techniques I, II, III, IV Honors Guitar I, II, III, IV Honors Keyboard I, II Orchestra I, II, III, IV, V Honors, VI Honors Chorus I, II, III, IV Honors Vocal Ensemble I, II, III, IV Honors Vocal Techniques I, II, III, IV Honors

Visual and Performing Arts Graduation Endorsement Courses: Chorus

Required courses (6-10 credits)	Supplemental courses (0-6 credits)
Chorus I or Vocal Ensemble I Chorus II or Vocal Ensemble II Chorus III or Vocal Ensemble III Chorus IV or Vocal Ensemble IV Vocal Techniques I Keyboard I	Vocal Techniques II, III, IV Honors* Music Theory I, II Honors* Band I, II, III, IV, V Honors, VI Honors Jazz Ensemble I, II, III, IV Honors Eurhythmics I, II, III, IV Instrumental Ensemble I, II, III, IV Honors Music Techniques I, II, III, IV Honors Guitar I, II, III, IV Honors

*Strongly encouraged.

Visual and Performing Arts Graduation Endorsement Courses: Dance

Required courses (4-6 credits)	Supplemental courses (2-6 credits)
Dance Techniques I Dance Techniques II Dance Techniques III Honors Ballet I Ballet II Ballet III	Dance Techniques IV Honors Ballet IV Honors Dance Repertory I, II, III Honors, IV Honors

Visual and Performing Arts Graduation Endorsement Courses: Musical Theatre

Required courses (4-6 credits)	Supplemental courses (2-6 credits)
Voice and Diction Musical Theatre I Musical Theatre II Vocal Ensemble I Vocal Ensemble II Vocal Ensemble III	Musical Theatre III Vocal Ensemble IV Honors Theatre I, II, III Honors, IV Honors Acting I, II, III Honors, IV Honors Music Theory I, II Honors Chorus I, II, III, IV Honors Vocal Techniques I, II, III, IV Honors Dance Techniques I, II, III Honors, IV Honors Theatrical Directing and Stage Management I, II Technical Theatre Design and Production I, II, III, IV

Visual and Performing Arts Graduation Endorsement Courses: Orchestra

Required courses (6 credits)	Supplemental courses (0-6 credits)
Orchestra I Orchestra II Orchestra III Orchestra IV Orchestra V Honors Orchestra VI Honors	Music Theory I*, II Honors* Jazz Ensemble I, II, III, IV Honors Music Ensemble I, II, III, IV Honors (Commercial Music) Instrumental Ensemble I, II, III, IV Honors (Percussion) Instrumental Techniques I, II, III, IV (Percussion Tech) Music Techniques I, II, III, IV Honors Guitar I, II, III, IV Honors Keyboard I, II Band I, II, III, IV, V Honors, VI Honors Chorus I, II, III, IV Honors Vocal Ensemble I, II, III, IV Honors Vocal Techniques I, II, III, IV Honors

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Visual and Performing Arts Graduation Endorsement Courses: Technical Theatre

Required courses (4-6 credits)	Supplemental courses (2-6 credits)
Technical Theatre I Technical Theatre II Technical Theatre III Costumes, Make-Up and Hair Scenery and Props Theatrical Directing and Stage Management I	Technical Theatre IV Honors Voice and Diction Musical Theatre I, II, III Vocal Ensemble I, II, III, IV Honors Theatre I, II, III Honors, IV Honors Acting I, II, III Honors, IV Honors Dance Techniques I, II, III Honors, IV Honors Theatrical Directing and Stage Management II

Visual and Performing Arts Graduation Endorsement Courses: Visual Arts

Required courses (4-6 credits)	Supplemental courses (2-6 credits)
2-D/ 3-D Art or 2D Art Honors (Full Year) Ceramics I or 3D Art (Full Year) Drawing I AP Studio Art	Ceramics II, III Honors Drawing II AP Art History Portfolio