



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)
Includes courses generally taken grades 9-11.	Includes grade 12 as assigned by discipline lead teacher and supporting course work for higher attainment levels.
Theatre I Theatre II Theatre III Honors Acting I Acting II Acting III Honors	Theatre IV Honors Acting IV Honors Musical Theatre I, II, III Honors Chorus I, II, III, IV Honors Vocal Ensemble I, II, III, IV 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 (4-6 credits)	Supplemental courses (2-6 credits)
Includes courses generally taken grades 9-11.	Includes grade 12 as assigned by discipline lead teacher and supporting course work for higher attainment levels.
Band I Band II Band III Band IV Band V Honors Music Theory I	Band VI Honors Jazz Ensemble I, II, III, IV Honors Music Theory 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) Guitar I Keyboard I Orchestra I Chorus I Vocal Techniques I

Visual and Performing Arts Graduation Endorsement Courses: Chorus

Required courses (4-6 credits)	Supplemental courses (2-6 credits)
Includes courses generally taken grades 9-11.	Includes grade 12 as assigned by discipline lead teacher and supporting course work for higher attainment levels.
Chorus I Chorus II Chorus III Keyboard I Music Theory I Vocal Techniques I	Chorus IV, V Honors, VI Honors Vocal Techniques II, III, IV Honors* Vocal Ensemble I, II Music Theory II Honors* Voice and Diction Musical Theatre I Band I, II Jazz Ensemble I, II Instrumental Ensemble I, II Music Techniques I, II Guitar I Orchestra I, II

*Strongly encouraged.

Visual and Performing Arts Graduation Endorsement Courses: Commercial Music

Required courses (4-6 credits)	Supplemental courses (2-6 credits)
Includes courses generally taken grades 9-11.	Includes grade 12 as assigned by discipline lead teacher and supporting course work for higher attainment levels.
Music Ensemble I Music Ensemble II Music Ensemble III Jazz Ensemble I Jazz Ensemble II Jazz Ensemble III And one of the following: Instrumental Tech. I (Percussion) Guitar I (Guitar & Electric Bass) Keyboarding I (Piano) Orchestra I (Upright Bass)	Music Ensemble IV Jazz Ensemble IV Honors Band I, II, III, IV, V Honors, VI Honors Music Theory I, II Honors Instrumental Ensemble I, II, III, IV Honors (Orchestra or Percussion) Instrumental Techniques I, II, III, IV Honors (Percussion) Guitar I Keyboard I Orchestra I, II, III, IV, V Honors, VI Honors Chorus I, II, III, IV Honors Vocal Ensemble I, II Vocal Techniques I, II, III, IV Honors

Visual and Performing Arts Graduation Endorsement Courses: Dance

Required courses (4-6 credits)	Supplemental courses (2-6 credits)
Includes courses generally taken grades 9-11.	Includes grade 12 as assigned by discipline lead teacher and supporting course work for higher attainment levels.
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)
Includes courses generally taken grades 9-11.	Includes grade 12 as assigned by discipline lead teacher and supporting course work for higher attainment levels.
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 (4-6 credits)	Supplemental courses (2-6 credits)
Includes courses generally taken grades 9-11.	Includes grade 12 as assigned by discipline lead teacher and supporting course work for higher attainment levels.
Orchestra I Orchestra II Orchestra III Orchestra IV Instrumental Ensemble I Music Theory I	Orchestra V Honors, VI Honors Instrumental Ensemble II, III, IV Honors (Orchestra) Music Theory II Honors Jazz Ensemble I, II, III, IV Honors (Upright Bass) Music Ensemble I, II, III, IV Honors (Commercial Music- Upright Bass) Keyboard I Guitar I Band I Chorus I Vocal Techniques I

Visual and Performing Arts Graduation Endorsement Courses: Percussion

Required courses (4-6 credits)	Supplemental courses (2-6 credits)
Includes courses generally taken grades 9-11.	Includes grade 12 as assigned by discipline lead teacher and supporting course work for higher attainment levels.
Instrumental Techniques I Instrumental Techniques II Instrumental Techniques III (Percussion Class) Instrumental Ensemble I Instrumental Ensemble II Instrumental Ensemble III (Percussion Class)	Instrumental Techniques IV Honors Instrumental Ensemble IV Honors Band I, II, III, IV, V Honors, VI Honors Jazz Ensemble I, II, III, IV Honors Music Theory I, II Honors Music Ensemble I, II, III, IV Honors (Commercial Music) Guitar I Keyboard I Orchestra I Chorus I Vocal Techniques I

Visual and Performing Arts Graduation Endorsement Courses: Technical Theatre

Required courses (4-6 credits)	Supplemental courses (2-6 credits)
Includes courses generally taken grades 9-11.	Includes grade 12 as assigned by discipline lead teacher and supporting course work for higher attainment levels.
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)
Includes courses generally taken grades 9-11.	Includes grade 12 as assigned by discipline lead teacher and supporting course work for higher attainment levels.
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