

# MDHSA DIPLOMA PROGRAM

## Diploma for Performance in the Fine Arts Application

*“Performance in Fine Arts” will be printed on the Diploma and Transcript*

For: (Print student's name) \_\_\_\_\_

*Please submit this application **with** the Diploma Request Form*

The **Diploma for Performance in the Fine Arts** is awarded to the student who has completed, **in addition to the requirements for a general diploma**, the following requirements in **Theater Arts, Visual (Fine) Arts, or Performing Arts**. An Evaluator, a music instructor, drama coach, dance instructor, or other person who is able to attest to the student's knowledge, understanding and pursuit of excellence in that area may make a recommendation. ***A parent may not make a recommendation for a Fine Arts diploma.***

Please mark the items below for the type of Fine Arts diploma that is being applied for. **All items in the selected group must be completed BEFORE submitting the Diploma Request Form. Attachments are due at the time of Application.**

Regardless of the type of Fine Arts distinction the student is applying, the MDHSA Transcript **MUST** include credits for that area. (For example, if a student is applying for Theater Arts and Dance, the MDHSA Transcript must include three credits for EACH area.)

### Theater Arts

- A minimum of three credits of theater or drama in addition to the general diploma requirements in English is required. These credits should include study of theater history, influential writers, and famous performers and directors as well as other related topics. This course work has been included on the **MDHSA Annual Summary Form and Transcript** as it was completed.
- Participation in various aspects of production such as sets, lighting, costume, sound, and/or stage management.
- The student has been active in at least two productions.
- Attached is a recommendation from an instructor or other knowledgeable person who is able to attest to the student's pursuit of knowledge, understanding and pursuit of excellence in the theater arts. A parent may not make a recommendation.

### Visual (Fine) Arts

- Three credits of studio work in at least two media of the student's choice such as drawing, painting, ceramics, fiber arts, photography, or industrial arts. This should include study of both two-dimensional and three-dimensional properties. This course work has been included on the **MDHSA Annual Summary Form and Transcript** as it was completed.
- One credit of art history/humanities in addition to the minimum English and History requirements. This course work has been included on the **MDHSA Annual Summary Form and Transcript** as it was completed.
- Participation in at least one art show or gallery display, or other exhibit.
- Attached is a recommendation from an instructor or other knowledgeable person who is able to attest to the student's pursuit of knowledge, understanding and pursuit of excellence in the fine arts. A parent may not make a recommendation.

*Application continued on the next page.... SIGNATURES REQUIRED*

**Performance in Fine Arts Application Continued for: (Student's Name) \_\_\_\_\_**

**Performing Arts: Music**

- A minimum of three credits of music study in piano, voice or another instrument is required. This course work has been included on the **MDHSA Annual Summary Form and Transcript** as it was completed.
- Music theory must be studied either separately or incorporated into instrumental or voice instruction. A music checklist found in the MDHSA Diploma Guide should be used to identify the concepts required. This checklist covers concepts that many colleges require of students entering their music programs.
- One half credit of either sight singing or sight-reading must be included in the above units. If this was incorporated into instrumental or voice instruction, a statement to that effect from the instructor will satisfy the requirement.
- Competency with at least one instrument or in vocal performance.
- Proof of participation in at least two recitals or performances, preferably one as a soloist.
- Attached is a recommendation from an instructor or other knowledgeable person who is able to attest to the student's pursuit of knowledge, understanding and pursuit of excellence in music. A parent may not make a recommendation.

**Performing Arts: Dance**

*(May be gymnastics or other activity, with prior approval by MDHSA)*

- A minimum of three credits of dance is required. These are in addition to the physical education requirement on the *MDHSA Annual Summary Form and Transcript*. This course work has been included on the **MDHSA Annual Summary Form and Transcript** as it was completed.
- Participation in at least two recitals or performances.
- Attached is a recommendation from an instructor or other knowledgeable person who is able to attest to the student's pursuit of knowledge, understanding and pursuit of excellence in dance. A parent may not make a recommendation.

**SIGNATURES REQUIRED**

We certify that the all information given above and attached is not exaggerated, but is true and accurate to the best of our knowledge. (Signatures required below).

Evaluator \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Student \_\_\_\_\_

Supervisor \_\_\_\_\_

APPROVED BY: (MDHSA SIGNATURE)