

MDHSA DIPLOMA PROGRAM

Diploma for Performance in 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 standard diploma**, the requirements in **Theater Arts, Visual (Fine) Arts, or Performing Arts** listed on this application. An Evaluator, a music instructor, drama coach, dance instructor, or other person who can attest to the student’s knowledge, understanding and pursuit of excellence in that area may make a written 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 must be submitted with the Application.**

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

Theater Arts

Use the checklist below to show that each requirement has been met.

- A minimum of three credits of theater or drama in addition to the general diploma requirements in English is required. One of these credits should include the study of theater history, influential writers, and famous performers and directors as well as other related topics and be titled accordingly on the transcript. This coursework should be included on the yearly **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 signed recommendation from an instructor or other knowledgeable person who can attest to the student’s pursuit of knowledge, understanding and pursuit of excellence in the theater arts. (Scanned copy of original signed recommendation also permitted.) **A parent may not make a recommendation.**

Visual (Fine) Arts

Use the checklist below to show that each requirement has been met.

- 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. Work should include study of both two-dimensional and three-dimensional properties. This coursework should be included on the yearly **MDHSA Annual Summary Form and Transcript** as it was completed.
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- One credit of art history/humanities in addition to the minimum English and History requirements. This coursework should be included on the yearly **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 signed recommendation from an instructor or other person with experience in the area of study who can attest to the student’s pursuit of knowledge, understanding and pursuit of excellence in the fine arts. (Scanned copy of original signed recommendation also permitted.) **A parent may not make a recommendation.**

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Performance in Fine Arts Application Cont'd. for: (Student's Name) _____

Performing Arts: Music

Use the checklist below to show that each requirement has been met.

- A minimum of three credits of music study in piano, voice or another instrument is required. The three credits should not be in separate subjects (e.g., 1 credit piano, 1 credit voice, 1 credit violin) since the coursework is intended to show proficiency in a specific subject. This coursework 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. The [music checklist on the following page](#) 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 signed recommendation from an instructor or other person with experience in the area of study who can attest to the student's pursuit of knowledge, understanding and pursuit of excellence in music. (Scanned copy of original signed recommendation also permitted.) **A parent may not make a recommendation.**

Performing Arts: Dance

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

Use the checklist below to show that each requirement has been met.

- A minimum of three credits of dance is required in addition to the physical education requirement on the *MDHSA Annual Summary Form and Transcript*. This coursework 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 signed recommendation from an instructor or other person with experience in the area of study who can attest to the student's pursuit of knowledge, understanding and pursuit of excellence in dance. (Scanned copy of original signed recommendation also permitted.) **A parent may not make a recommendation.**

SIGNATURES REQUIRED

We certify that all the 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: _____

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APPROVED BY: (MDHSA SIGNATURE) _____