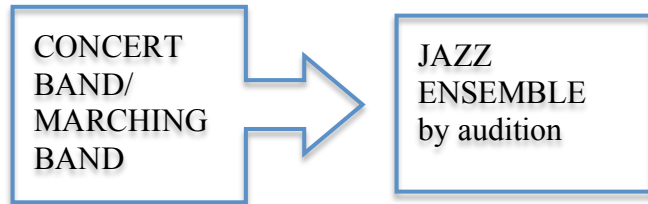
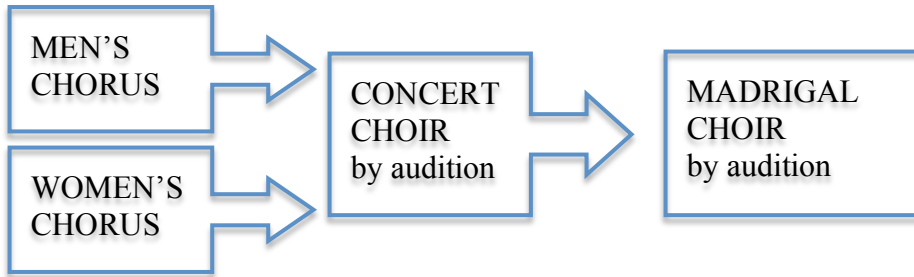
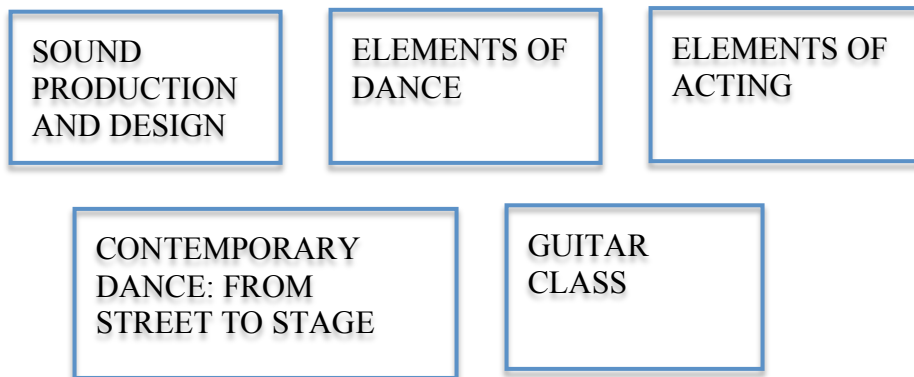
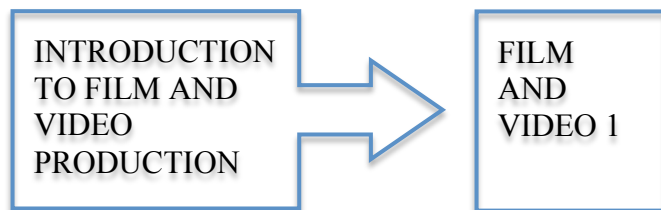


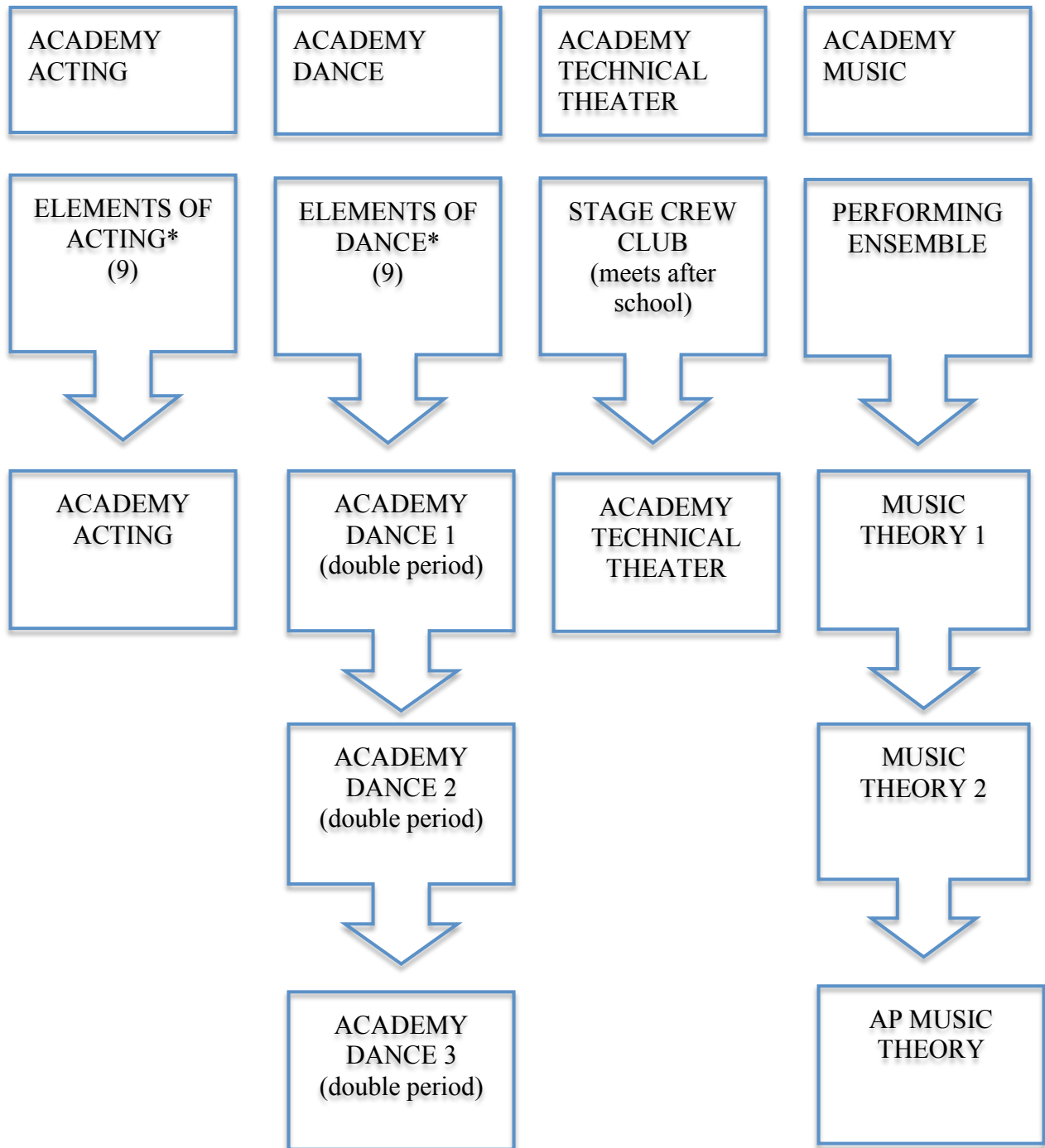
Performing Arts Department



STRING ORCHESTRA



Academy of Performing Arts



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The **Performing Arts** department includes our **Music** program, **Video and Film Production** courses; the **Elements of Dance** and the **Elements of Acting**, and our **Academy of Performing Arts**. Freshmen students who are interested in dance or acting are encouraged to take a semester or full year of our Elements of Acting or Elements of Dance courses. Students interested in our choral music program are encouraged to sing with our Men's and Women's Chorus in either a semester or full year course. Instrumental students are encouraged to continue playing in either our String Orchestra or Concert/Marching Band. Any student who has played an instrument sometime during their middle school years may join us again in the music department. It is strongly recommended that students continue their music studies in their freshman year to continue their growth and development as performers

As sophomores, juniors and seniors, music students have the opportunity to audition into our Concert Choir, Madrigals and Jazz Band and may begin to take our elective courses on Music Theory 1 and 2, Music Technology, Music History and AP Music Theory. Our ten seat Music Lab houses MIDI keyboards and computers for use in our music courses.

Men's Chorus

May be taken as a Semester Course/or Full Year Course

Grade: 9, 10, 11, 12

Prerequisite: None

Credits: 2.5/5

This course provides all male students the opportunity of participating in the school's Choir program. Students will focus on the development of vocal skills and learn basic musicianship understanding through ear training and notational skills. Students will be required to apply these skills through the preparation and performance of repertoire for both the school and the community. No prior experience is necessary. Students may take consecutive semesters of this course as the repertoire will change with each new semester. Men's Chorus is a prerequisite for auditions for entrance into Concert Choir. Performance is a course requirement.

Women's Chorus

May be taken as a Semester Course/or Full Year Course

Grade: 9, 10, 11, 12

Prerequisite: None

Credits: 2.5/5

This course provides all female students the opportunity of participating in the school's Choir program. Students will focus on the development of vocal skills and learn basic musicianship through ear training and notational skills. Students will be required to apply these skills through the preparation and performance of repertoire for both the school and the community. No prior experience is necessary. Students may take consecutive semesters of this course as the repertoire will change with each new semester. Women's Chorus is a prerequisite for auditions for entrance into Concert Choir. Performance is a course requirement.

Concert Choir

Full Year Course

Grade: 10, 11, 12

Prerequisite: Previous membership in Men's/Women's Chorus
AND Audition

Credits: 5

The Concert Choir is our largest, auditioned choir of the music department. A student may audition for Concert Choir once they have had one semester enrolled in our Men's or Women's Choir. Auditions are held early in the spring semester for the following academic year. Each Concert Choir member must demonstrate and maintain excellent vocal technique and musicianship to participate in this select ensemble. Students perform from a varied repertoire of choral literature in music performances for both the school and community. Performance is a course requirement.

Madrigal Choir

Full Year Course

Grade: 10*, 11, 12

Prerequisite: Concurrent Membership in Concert
Choir AND Audition

Credits: 5

The Madrigal Choir provides highly qualified students the opportunity to perform music through a variety of styles and periods requiring more advanced vocal techniques. All students must prove to be extremely dedicated to the music program and must exhibit the finest vocal technique and musicianship. Performing in service to the school and community is required. ***10th grade students may participate with special permission of the Music Department and Administration.**

String Orchestra

Full Year Course

Grade: 9, 10, 11, 12

Prerequisite: Previous experience on string instrument

Credits: 5

This course is designed to provide a performance experience for all string players in an orchestral setting. Students will receive basic skill development on their instrument as well as further development of musicianship and notational skills through the performance of appropriate string and full orchestral repertoire. Woodwind, brass, and percussion are added to this group from the Concert Band. Performance is emphasized and will be required for the school and community.

Concert Band/Marching Band

Full Year Course

Grade: 9, 10, 11, 12

Prerequisite: Previous experience on band instrument

Credits: 5

The Concert Band/Marching Band will provide a large ensemble setting for students who wish to continue to develop both their own instrumental skill and that of an ensemble member interested in participating in both the Concert Band and Marching Band setting. Students will be required to attend all football games and the required rehearsals before school and evenings. A required, one week on-site marching band camp will be held in August. The Concert Band will also be the performing group that will travel to festivals to perform.

Guitar Class

Semester Class
Prerequisite: None

Grades: 9, 10,11,12
Credits: 2.5

Guitar Class is a one-semester course covering the basics of the instrument and an application of essential music fundamentals. Students will learn the basics of playing guitar at a beginning level through studying music notation and chord symbols. A brief history of the guitar along with a study of its respective musical styles will also be covered in this course. The main objective of this course is to create an enhanced appreciation for music through playing the guitar. Students will learn how to read music notation, chord symbols, and tablature. Students will also gain a better understanding of many different musical genres including folk, blues, rock and pop music.

Jazz Ensemble

Full Year Course
Prerequisite: Concurrent Membership in Concert Band
AND Audition

Grade: 9, 10, 11, 12
Credits: 5

This course will provide students the opportunity to perform the various styles of music characteristic to the Jazz Ensemble while developing the knowledge and technique needed to become a successful improviser. Performance in full ensemble and chamber ensemble is emphasized, with a focus on standard jazz tunes often used in professional performance. Each member will be required to compose, improvise, and perform written work on his or her instrument. The band also performs at school concerts and community functions. This course will run only if minimum enrollment and instrumentation requirements are met.

Music Theory 1

Semester Course
Prerequisite: None

Grade: 10, 11, 12
Credits: 2.5

This is an academic elective for all students. Students will learn the basics of ear training and music theory and work in both group settings and as individuals in order to meet the ability levels of all students in the course. Musical Instrument Digital Interface and computer-assisted software will allow students to explore the technology of today's music industry to apply the skills of composition and arranging. Students preparing for a career in a music field should take this course in preparation for entrance exams into college music departments.

Music Theory 2

Semester Course
Prerequisite: Music Theory 1 or Departmental Permission

Grade: 10, 11, 12
Credits: 2.5

This course will be a continuation of the study of Music Theory. Course topics will focus more on harmony and ear training. Students preparing for college entrance exams and auditions in music will find this course a necessity. Any student considering a career in a music field should take this course.

AP Music Theory

Full Year Course

Grade: 12

Prerequisite: Music Theory 2 or Departmental Permission

Credits: 5

This course is designed to cultivate musicianship skills included in the first year of a college music theory curriculum. Students will develop their ability to recognize, understand, and analyze basic processes found in a musical score. Using written, listening, and performance exercises, students will develop their aural, analytical, and compositional skills. The course integrates the study of melody, harmony, texture, rhythm, form, musical analysis, and elementary composition with the study of basic music history and style, dictation, listening skills, and sight singing. It is expected that students who enroll in this course will take the Advanced Placement Music Theory Exam in May.

Sound Production and Design

Semester Course

Grade: 10, 11, 12

Prerequisite: None

Credits: 2.5

This course will provide students the opportunity to explore the music recording industry. Through the software and hardware available to us on the PC, students will learn to mix, record and produce their own music. Students will explore the career opportunities and higher education requirements needed to pursue their music making as both a career option and/or a hobby.

Introduction to Film and Video

Semester Course

Grade: 9, 10, 11, 12

Prerequisite: None

Credits: 2.5

Students will be provided an overview of the filmmaking process from conceptualization to execution. This course will examine film genres and provide a basic understanding of how films are made by watching and analyzing feature films, film shorts and documentaries. During this course crews will be responsible for writing, creating and editing video projects that will include a short, a documentary and a narrative. The basic use of camera and film techniques will be explored and used during project production. By the end of this course students will have a basic understanding of film vocabulary, production techniques and editing.

Film and Video Production 1

Full Year Course

Grade 10, 11, 12

Prerequisite: Introduction to Film and Video

Credits: 5

Where *Introduction to Film and Video Production* left off, *Video and Film Production 1* will provide the student with a more comprehensive understanding of how to produce a video. The course will concentrate on the development of stories, scripts and storyboards and pre- and post-production editing techniques using Final Cut Pro. The course will provide students with a thorough knowledge of the use of music, sound effects and audio design. By course completion students will have a thorough understanding of camera operation, three-point lighting, film vocabulary, and editing techniques and carry away with them a portfolio of completed projects.

Contemporary Dance: From Street to Stage

Semester Class
Prerequisite: None

Grades 9,10,11,12
Credits: 2.5

Contemporary Dance: From Street to Stage will focus on the specific genres of dance needed for a career in the commercial dance field including Jazz, Hip-Hop, Musical Theatre, and Contemporary styles. This course will allow a complimentary course to Elements as well as an additional elective for our Performing Arts students wishing to become better rounded as performers.

Elements of Dance

May be taken as a Semester/Full Year Course
Prerequisite: None

Grade 9, 10, 11, 12
Credits: 2.5/5

Open to all interested students. No prior experience necessary. Students may elect to take this course for one semester, as a full year course and over multiple years. This course will explore dance styles of ballet; modern, jazz, hip-hop and world dance forms. Students will be introduced to the Elements of Dance in relationship to dance composition; basic anatomical concepts; and an overview of dance in an historical and cultural perspective. This course will be of special importance to freshmen who are interested in auditioning for the Academy Dance Program or who want to pursue dance or theater arts for their future.

Elements of Acting

May be taken as a Semester/Full Year Course
Prerequisite: None

Grade 9, 10, 11, 12
Credits: 2.5/5

Open to all interested students. No prior experience necessary. Students may elect to take this course for one semester, as a full year course and over multiple years. Students will be provided with a thorough understanding of the essence of theater and the emotional process to perform on stage. A basis of how theater has developed and the importance of the audience/performer relationship will be presented providing an appreciation of what qualities are needed to make good theater and a good actor. Students will learn the proper way to warm-up and relax, participating in a wide variety of theater games that include concentration exercises, pantomime, improvisation, movement exercises and work on open scenes. This course will be of special importance to freshmen who are interested in auditioning for the Academy Acting Program or who want to pursue acting or theater arts for their future.

Academy Dance 1

Full Year Course
Prerequisite: Application and Audition

Grade: 10
Credits: 10

Level one of our Academy Dance program. This course will provide the foundation skills necessary in the areas of modern and ballet and explore the dance styles of jazz, lyrical and tap. In addition to performance, this course will include interdisciplinary activities in the areas of music, anatomy, and history as well as cross-cultural connections. This course includes field trips, concert performances, master classes and other outside activities. This course meets in a double-block.

Academy Dance 2/3

Full Year Course (Continues over 2 years)

Grade: 11, 12

Prerequisite: Successful completion of Academy Dance 1

Credits: 10

This course will be a continuation of skill development in the areas of modern and ballet, with continued explorations into jazz, lyrical and tap. Students will work in the areas of choreographing and critique and develop self-assessments as they create audition pieces for entrance into college or university programs. The course will continue to provide field trips, concert performances, master classes and other outside activities. This course meets in a double block.

Academy Acting

Full Year Course (Continues over 3 years)

Grade: 10, 11, 12

Prerequisite: Application and Audition

Credits: 5

This will be a comprehensive program to develop the young actor and prepare them for college and university acting programs. Focus will be on the development of the voice, and a thorough preparation of the physical and mental skills needed to develop as an actor. Students will develop acting skills in the areas of stage, television and film. The course will provide field trips, performances out in the community, master classes and other outside activities. This course will meet one period per day.

Academy Technical Theater

Full Year Course (Continues over 3 years)

Grade: 10, 11, 12

Prerequisite: Application and Interview

Credits: 5

*Grade 9 students may apprentice prior to application

This course is a comprehensive program for the student with interest in set design and construction, stage lighting, and sound equipment. Students will apply these skills to in CHS theatrical productions and concerts. Students will each develop a portfolio that will assist them in college interviews and applications. This course will meet one period per day. *Grade 9 students may take this course as apprentices to the Academy Technical Theater Program.