



MDUSD High School Creative Arts Honor Roll Information and FAQ list for Freshmen and Parents

The Mt. Diablo Unified School District is proud to recognize and honor the achievements of students who sustain a commitment to excellence in the creative arts. Creative arts experience is increasingly in demand in the modern workforce, and having four years of visual or performing art on your high school transcript is a strong asset for college applications and scholarships. Our district encourages students to stay actively enrolled in arts classes, and as an incentive we offer a special honor roll program specifically for our students who are working hard in the creative disciplines. This is an honor awarded to seniors based on their continuous and successful participation in visual and performing arts classes. This document describes the benefits of the MDUSD Creative Arts Honor Roll, with information on how to remain eligible. There are two levels of recognition under this program:

1. CREATIVE ARTS HONOR ROLL. For high school seniors who have successfully completed **THREE YEARS** (i.e. in grades 9, 10, and 11) of college preparatory arts classes with an average GPA of 3.5 or above, and an overall GPA of 2.5 or above. The names of students who qualify for this honor are placed on the MDUSD Creative Arts Honor Roll, maintained on the MDUSD website page for Visual and Performing Arts. Awarded in fall of each year, this honor roll recognition is granted in time to use on college applications. **Students apply for the Creative Arts Honor Roll by the end of 1st Quarter of their senior year.**

2. CREATIVE ARTS GRADUATION HONORS. For high school students who will successfully complete **FOUR YEARS** of enrollment in college preparatory arts classes with a GPA of 3.5 above, and an overall GPA of 2.5. In addition to being named on the Creative Arts Honor Roll, students approved for the Creative Arts Graduation Honor will receive an honor cord to wear at commencement ceremonies. **Students must apply for Creative Arts Graduation Honors by Feb. 15th of their senior year.**

CREATIVE ARTS HONOR ROLL FAQ

Q. What is the application process?

A. You don't have to apply until you are a senior. For now, just make sure you stay enrolled in some kind of visual or performing arts class for every year of high school. Your current arts teacher or counselor can help you plan.

Q. If a student takes two arts electives one year, or takes an arts class at DVC, will they still be eligible if they don't take any VAPA courses for one of the years in high school?

A. No, students cannot "bank" their arts electives for the purposes of this award. This honors program rewards sustained, uninterrupted participation in the fine arts disciplines at our high schools. In order to qualify for this program, students must remain enrolled in qualifying electives at their school consecutively and continuously.

Q. Do students need to remain within the same program?

A. Students do not need to remain in the same program, or within any area of focus in either visual or performing arts. For example, they might take band as a freshman, choir as a sophomore, photography as a junior, and ceramics as a senior.

Q. What if I can't fit in a fine arts class as a sophomore?

A. You have options, but planning is essential. You can defer a different class (like P.E., foreign language, or science) until your junior or senior year. You can take sophomore P.E. in summer school for original credit. You might be able to take some required classes concurrently at a community college. Check with your counselor or arts teacher for ideas.

Q. Which MDUSD courses qualify?

A. Qualifying coursework must be UC/CSU designated "F" electives, or CTE and AP courses in Arts, Media, and Entertainment - or commensurate coursework from out-of-state high schools. Qualifying coursework must be continuous and consecutive (i.e., no semesters without being enrolled in a creative arts class). The following is a list of MDUSD courses that can be used to satisfy this honor roll program: AP MUSIC THEORY, DANCE I 0943/8710, DANCE II 0944/8680, DANCE III 0945/8690, DRAMA 0900, DRAMA 0910, DRAMA 0920, GUITAR 4740, GUITAR 4770, CADET BAND 4680, CONCERT BAND 4690, JAZZ BAND III 4700, STAGE BAND II 4710, SYMPH. BAND III 4720, WIND ENSEMBLE II 4810, TREBLE CHOIR I 4870, MIXED CHOIR 4890, CONCERT CHOIR 4910, VOCAL ENSEMBLE 4920, MUSICAL THEATER 4930, ORCHESTRA II 4980, 3D MODELING 4201, ADV ART DESIGN 4246, ADV ART 4120, ADV CERAMICS 4270, ADV FASHION DESIGN 8110, ADV FILM STUDY 0845, ANIMATION 4435, ART DESIGN A 4241, ART DESIGN B 4242, ART DESIGN II 4200, AP ART HISTORY 2870, AP STUDIO ART 2D 4280, AP STUDIO ART 3D 4281, AP STUDIO ART DRAWING 4282, APPLIED PRINC. OF ART AND DESIGN 2801, ART I 4130, ART II 4150, ART II 4290, ART II 4160, CERAMICS I 4250, CERAMICS II 4260, INTRO TO FILM STUDY 0840/0841, MULTIMEDIA I 9122, MULTIMEDIA II 9125, MULTIMEDIA III 9126, PHOTO 7755, PHOTO ARTS I 4420, PHOTO ARTS II 7750, ROP ADVANCED PHOTOGRAPHY, ROP GAME ART DESIGN, ROP ART OF VIDEO PRODUCTION, VIDEO PRODUCTION I 9101, VIDEO PRODUCTION II 9102, VIDEO PRODUCTION III 9103