



**MDUSD High School Creative Arts
Honor Roll Application, 2017-2018
Mt. Diablo Unified School District**

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. High school students may use this application to apply for recognition under the MDUSD Creative Arts Honor Roll. There are two levels of recognition in this program (students will use this application twice in their senior year in order to apply for both levels):

1. CREATIVE ARTS HONOR ROLL. For high school seniors who have successfully completed **3 years** of college preparatory creative arts classes (UC designated "F" electives, or CTE and AP classes in Arts, Media and Entertainment - see reverse for eligible courses) with an average GPA of 3.5 or above, and an overall academic GPA of 2.5 or above. Names of students approved for this honor are placed on the MDUSD Creative Arts Honor Roll on the MDUSD website page for Visual and Performing Arts.

2. CREATIVE ARTS GRADUATION HONORS. For seniors successfully completing **4 years** of enrollment in designated arts electives with a GPA of 3.5 above, and an overall GPA of 2.5. Students approved for the Creative Arts Graduation Honor will receive an honor cord to wear at commencement ceremonies.

* Students with credits transferred from schools outside of California may be eligible for this recognition for commensurate and continuous college preparatory level coursework in the visual, performing, media, or entertainment arts. College prep courses in visual and performing arts ("F" electives), and CTE or AP courses in Arts, Media and Entertainment Arts courses taken for credit in other subject areas may not qualify for this program. Please check list on reverse or speak with your teacher for more information.

STUDENT APPLICATION

Check the level of recognition you are applying for, and fill out course and grade information. Turn in signed form to your current visual or performing arts teacher.

☐ CREATIVE ARTS HONOR ROLL (**Apply by end of 1st Quarter of senior year for current year's Honor Roll**).

☐ CREATIVE ARTS GRADUATION HONOR (**Apply in second semester of senior year, deadline Feb. 15. Grades are subject to verification at the end of May**).

Complete course and grade information:

Grade:	First semester	Second semester
9	Arts elective: _____ Grade: _____	Arts elective: _____ Grade: _____
10	Arts elective: _____ Grade: _____	Arts elective: _____ Grade: _____
11	Arts elective: _____ Grade: _____	Arts elective: _____ Grade: _____
12 (if avail.)	Arts elective: _____ Grade: _____	Arts elective: _____ Current grade: _____

Cumulative Arts Elective GPA: _____

Cumulative Overall Academic GPA: _____

PRINT STUDENT NAME

Signature

Date

School use only:

Registrar verification of GPA information (initial): _____

Department Chair Signature

Date

MDUSD High School Creative Arts Honor Roll

Information for Students and Parents 2017-2018

In 2015 the federal government named the creative arts as a “core academic subject area,” and MDUSD is on the forefront of school districts placing a renewed emphasis on its visual and performing arts programs. Employees with strong creative skills are highly sought after in the modern workforce, and the creative economy is now a leading driver of jobs growth in the state of California. Collaborative skills honed in arts classes are widely applicable to other disciplines, and continuous, four-year enrollment in art and music programs is a widely acknowledged asset on college admissions applications.

The Mt. Diablo Unified School District is proud to recognize and honor the achievements of students who sustain a commitment to excellence in the arts with our Creative Arts Honor Roll. The program offers two different levels of recognition, as follows:

1. CREATIVE ARTS HONOR ROLL. For students who have successfully completed 3 years of enrollment in grades 9–11 in college preparatory arts classes with an average GPA of 3.5 or above, and an overall academic GPA of 2.5 or above.

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 or above, and an overall academic GPA of 2.5 or above.

CREATIVE ARTS HONOR ROLL FAQ

Q. Which MDUSD courses qualify?

A. College prep courses in visual and performing arts (“F” electives), and CTE or AP courses in Arts, Media and Entertainment. Arts courses taken for credit in other subject areas may not qualify for this program. Please check list below or speak with your teacher for more information. The following is a complete list of 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.**

Q. What is the application process?

A. Seniors will fill out the Creative Arts Honor Roll Application (available from their VAPA teacher or on the MDUSD Visual and Performing Arts web page: www.mdusd.org/vapa) for each of the two levels of recognition. The deadline is the **end of 1st Quarter** for the Creative Arts Honor Roll, and **Feb. 15th** for the Creative Arts Graduation Honor (students must fill out the form twice to receive both honors). Students will turn the completed form into their visual or performing arts teacher.

Q. At my school it is difficult to remain in a creative arts elective, especially during sophomore year. What are my options to remain eligible for this honor?

A. Sophomore P.E. may be deferred to junior or senior year, or taken in summer school for original credit. Other classes such as science or foreign language may also be deferred to a year that is less impacted. In some cases, requirements may be satisfied at community college, or taken during zero period in order to free up your schedule. Early planning is essential; check with your teacher, V.P., or guidance counselor for the options at your school.

Q. If a student takes two arts electives one year, will they still be eligible if they don't take any arts courses the following year?

A. No, students cannot “bank” their arts electives. This honors program rewards sustained participation in the fine arts disciplines at our high schools, and is intended to provide additional incentive for students to carefully plan their school schedules to accommodate arts coursework. In order to qualify for this program, students must remain enrolled in arts electives 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.