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# ARTS AND OTHER ENDORSEMENTS ON THE ADVANCED REGENTS DIPLOMA

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**Visual Art:** Heather O'Connell





# WHAT WILL THIS PRESENTATION COVER?

- **College and Career Readiness**
  - Overview of Exam Requirements for Advanced Regents Diplomas and College Readiness
  - Overview of Credit Requirements for Advanced Regents Diplomas and College Readiness
- **Commencement Examination Requirements:  
Chancellor's Endorsed Diplomas in the Arts**
  - Music
  - Dance
  - Theatre
  - Visual Art
- **Chancellor's Seal of Recognition for Service  
(Service Endorsement)**

**EXAM AND CREDIT REQUIREMENTS**  
**COLLEGE AND**  
**CAREER READINESS**





# COLLEGE AND CAREER READINESS EXAM REQUIREMENTS

## ADVANCED REGENTS DIPLOMA EXAM REQUIREMENTS: 9 SUBJECTS

- English Language Arts (ELA)
- Three (3) **mathematics** exams:
  - Algebra I
  - Geometry, *and*
  - Algebra II/Trigonometry
- Any **social studies** exam:
  - Global History and Geography *or* U.S. History and Government
- Two (2) **science** exams:
  - Living Environment *and*
  - *One of these:* Chemistry, Earth Science, or Physics)
- Any **additional** Regents exam or assessment approved by the State for this purpose
- Any NYC **Languages Other Than English** (LOTE) exam. **EXCEPT** for students seeking the Chancellor's Arts Endorsed diploma for whom the LOTE exam is **NOT** required

Students must earn passing scores on the exams listed above in order to receive an Advanced Regents diploma. Earning higher scores on these exams, taking additional exams, and achieving diploma endorsements can support students in successfully transitioning to college or the workplace.

## Achievements that Support College & Career Readiness

### Reading and Writing:

- ✓ English Regents exam score of 75+
- ✓ SAT Critical Reading, I Verbal, or Evidence-Based Reading & Writing score of 480+
- ✓ ACT English score of 20+
- ✓ Passing score on CUNY Assessment Tests

### Math:

- ✓ Any Math Regents exam score of 80+ **AND** a passing grade in Algebra II /Trigonometry or a higher level math course
- ✓ Common Core-aligned Algebra I or Geometry Regents exam score of 70+ or Algebra II/Trigonometry exam score of 65+
- ✓ Math SAT score of 500+ or SAT Math Section (March 2016 and later) score of 530+
- ✓ ACT Math score of 21+
- ✓ Passing score on CUNY Assessment Tests

### Other Achievements:

- ✓ Earn a score of 3+ on any Advanced Placement (AP) exam
- ✓ Earn a score of 4+ on any International Baccalaureate (IB) exam
- ✓ Pass a course that earns college credit with a "C" or higher
- ✓ Earn an Advanced Regents diploma
- ✓ Earn a CTE diploma endorsement and/or pass an industry-recognized technical assessment for licensure and/or certification
- ✓ Earn an Arts diploma endorsement

# COLLEGE AND CAREER READINESS: CREDIT REQUIREMENTS

## ADVANCED REGENTS DIPLOMA CREDIT REQUIREMENTS:

SUBJECT(S)	44 CREDITS	CREDITS	Students must earn the credits listed to the left in order to receive an Advanced Regents diploma. Through its “Arts and Smarts” philosophy, LaGuardia students are supported in completing the additional courses listed below which will enable them to successfully transition to college or the workplace.
CORE ENGLISH		8	
SOCIAL STUDIES: Global History (4), U.S. History (2), Participation in Government (1), Economics (1)		8	
MATHEMATICS: Including at least two credits of advanced math (e.g., Geometry or Algebra II)		6	
SCIENCE: Life Science (2), Physical Science (2), Life Science or Physical Science (2)	6		<b>Courses that Support College &amp; Career Readiness</b> <b>Math:</b> 8 Regents-level credits, including a sequence that consists of at least the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✓ Algebra I</li><li>✓ Geometry</li><li>✓ Algebra II</li></ul> <b>Science:</b> 8 Regents-level credits, including a sequence that consists of at least three of the following courses: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✓ Living Environment</li><li>✓ Chemistry</li><li>✓ Physics</li><li>✓ An AP science course</li></ul> <b>Advanced Courses</b> Advanced Placement (AP) courses International Baccalaureate (IB) courses Courses for college credit such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✓ College Now</li><li>✓ CUNY Early College</li></ul>
Languages Other than English (LOTE)*	6		
PHYSICAL EDUCATION (every year, distributed in specific ways)	4		
Health	1		
VISUAL ART, MUSIC, DANCE, and/or THEATER	2		
ELECTIVES	3		

**\* A STUDENT SEEKING AN ADVANCED REGENTS DIPLOMA WITH AN ARTS ENDORSEMENT IS ONLY REQUIRED TO COMPLETE 2 CREDITS OF LOTE –  
ie: 2 SEMESTERS OF LOTE.**

# CHANCELLOR'S ENDORSED DIPLOMAS IN THE ARTS



## Chancellor's Endorsed Arts Diploma

Here at LaGuardia High School our students have the unique privilege of earning a Chancellor's Endorsed Diploma in the Arts. To help you understand the benefits of this Endorsement we have detailed them below:

### **BENEFITS**

#### **Advanced Regents Diploma**

When earning the Chancellor's Endorsed Diploma in the Arts you can also become eligible for the Advanced Regents Diploma. One requirement of the Advanced Regents Diploma is a three year Foreign Language sequence followed by a passing score on the LOTE exam. For Art Students, successful completion of 10 or more Arts credits and a grade of 65 or higher on the 12th grade Arts Commencement Exam takes the place of the Foreign Language Exam requirement.

A special word from  
Ms.  
O'Connell, AP  
Visual Arts

#### **Rigorous Courses**

Earning a Chancellor's Endorsed Arts Diploma shows colleges and universities that you have participated in a very rigorous Arts program. Many colleges and universities, especially in New York, give preference to students who participate in a rigorous High School Arts program such as our Studio programs here at LaGuardia High School.

#### **Pride in the Arts**

Not many NYC Public Schools qualify for this unique diploma due to the rigorous course load requirement. Here at LaGuardia High School our students have the opportunity to receive this wonderful endorsement and should be proud to earn it. All of our students have spent many days and hours working on their Arts and the Chancellor's Endorsement is the final acknowledgement of all that hard work.

### **HOW TO EARN THE ENDORSEMENT**

- 1. Earn a Minimum of 10 Arts Credits:** Here at LaGuardia students have the opportunity to take a large variety of Arts Classes with many students earning at least 20 credits in the Arts. Depending on your major, some students will go on to earn even more than 20. With a minimum requirement of 10, LaGuardia students are automatically eligible to take the Arts Commencement Exam by their senior year!
- 2. Pass Arts Commencement Exam:** Each studio's course offerings lead to the Arts Commencement Exam, commonly known as the "Arts Regents". The Arts Commencement Exams are given in your senior year and vary by department. If you pass the Arts Commencement Exam you will have the opportunity to earn an Advanced Regents Diploma.



# CHANCELLOR'S ENDORSED DIPLOMA IN THE ARTS

- Earn 10 credits in a single art form (dance, theater, music, or visual arts), which may include those required to meet the 44 credits for graduation
- Pass the NYCDOE assessment in that art form/discipline (details for each art form to follow)
- For the Advanced Regents Diploma ONLY (Two (2) LOTE course credits are required instead of 6 course credits, and the LOTE exam is NOT REQUIRED)



# COMMENCEMENT EXAMINATIONS FOR THE ARTS REGENTS

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Students must complete **ten (10)** credits in one art form:

- Music
- Visual arts
- Dance
- Theater

And **pass every section** of the corresponding arts assessment. The total number of credits may exceed 44



**MUSIC STUDIO  
ASSESSMENT  
REQUIREMENTS**

**CHANCELLOR'S  
ENDORSED  
DIPLOMA IN THE  
ARTS: MUSIC**





# CHANCELLOR'S ENDORSED DIPLOMA IN THE ARTS : MUSIC

## MUSIC COMMENCEMENT EXAM COMPONENTS

### Ia. WRITTEN 60%

- Listening Analysis
- History and Culture
- Theory and Musicianship

### Ib. On DEMAND WRITTEN ESSAY 10%

### II NYSSMA Solo Adjudication Requirement 20%

- Students are required to schedule and complete a 2018 NYSSMA solo adjudication

*\*Students will be disqualified if they do not participate in NYSSMA solo adjudication*

*\*\*NYSSMA solo adjudication fees for students taking the Music Commencement Exam will be paid for by the Office of Arts and Special Projects (OSAP)*

Students must complete each component of the Music Exam in order to receive the Chancellor's Arts Endorsed Diploma: Music. The absence of any one of the components will automatically nullify eligibility for endorsement.



### III PORTFOLIO 10%

❖ **Performance Documentation** for a total of **FOUR performances** during the four years of high school

- Two, Documented In-School Performances – Over the Course of 4 Years
- Two, Documented Out-of-School Time Performances- Over the Course of 4 Years

❖ **One typed, two-page, Self-Reflective Essay**

# MUSIC MAJORS

## FOLLOW THESE GUIDELINES FOR VIDEO DOCUMENTATION OF OUT-OF-SCHOOL PERFORMANCES

1. For large ensemble recordings the student must include in his/her introductory statement, a brief description of identifiable clothing or and ensemble position for the viewer to easily locate the student in the video
2. The student AND the audience must be clearly visible in the video during the entire performance.
3. If the student submits two video documented out-of-school performances, they must be recorded at different locations with different repertoire performed.
4. The student must verify that the format plays properly on a computer before submitting



*"My name is \_\_\_\_\_ . Today's date is \_\_\_\_\_ and I am using this video recording of my performance at [location] for my Commencement Music Exam Portfolio submission."*

**ALL** video submissions **must** begin with this recorded statement spoken by the student in front of the camera



## MUSIC MAJORS

### DON'T GET YOUR PORTFOLIO REJECTED!!!

#### AVOID THESE MISTAKES

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- ☒ Performances on the street in front of fellow high school students, friends or family
- ☒ Performances at home in front of friends or family
- ☒ Performances singing or playing to a camera with no audience in view
- ☒ Two performances clearly recorded at the same venue
- ☒ Performances clearly organized by the student's teacher or school
- ☒ Performances documented with no-longer-acceptable documentation (signed letter) or with poster, etc. that does not include the student's name
- ☒ Reflective essay related as a biography or a description of music courses taken without focusing on and discussing the 4 years of musical growth during high school

# CHANCELLOR'S ENDORSED DIPLOMA IN THE ARTS : MUSIC

## MUSIC COMMENCEMENT EXAM TIMELINE

JANUARY 2018 – MARCH 2018

NYSSMA  
Registration  
opens

1/03/18

Bronx  
NYSSMA  
Registration

1/12/18

1/26/18

LaGuardia  
In-House  
NYSSMA  
Registration

3/09/18

Brooklyn  
NYSSMA  
Registration

3/23/18

3/30/18

**DEADLINE:**  
School  
Submits  
Exam Rosters  
to OSAP

Pre-labelled  
portfolio  
envelopes  
mailed to  
schools for  
each student  
whose name  
appears on  
Exam Roster

**DEADLINE:**  
COMPLETED  
STUDENT  
PORTFOLIOS  
MUST  
ARRIVE TO  
OASP NO  
LATER THAN  
THIS DATE

KEY

- Action item for student
- Action Item for School
- OSAP: Office of Arts and Special Projects



# CHANCELLOR'S ENDORSED DIPLOMA IN THE ARTS: MUSIC

## MUSIC COMMENCEMENT EXAM TIMELINE

APRIL 2018 – JUNE 2018

Staten Island  
NYSSMA  
Registration



4/07/18



4/20/18

Queens NYSSMA  
Registration

Portfolio grading  
is completed

Schools are notified  
which students on the  
roster are in-eligible to  
take the exam due to  
missing and/or  
incomplete portfolios

4/20/18

4/20/18

Manhattan  
NYSSMA  
Registration -  
Non piano



4/26/18



4/26/18

Manhattan  
NYSSMA  
Registration -  
PIANO



JUNE 2018

1:15 – 4:15  
MUSIC  
COMMENCEMENT  
EXAM

—DATE TO BE  
CONFIRMED—

KEY

- Action item for student
- Action Item for school
- Action Item for OSAP
- OASP: Office of Arts and  
Special Projects

After grading is complete, students' exam results will be sent to the attention  
of the principal from the desk of OASP Executive Director, Paul King

**DANCE STUDIO  
ASSESSMENT  
REQUIREMENTS**

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ENDORSED  
DIPLOMA IN THE  
ARTS**



# CHANCELLOR'S ENDORSED DIPLOMA IN THE ARTS: DANCE

## DANCE COMMENCEMENT EXAM COMPONENTS

### 1. PERFORMANCE ON DEMAND 30 Points Total

- A. Movement Replication (15 points)
- B. Compositional Problem-Solving (15 points)

### 2. AREA OF SPECIALIZATION – 30 Points Total

- A. Student Exit Project (25 points)
- B. Reflective Essay and Supporting Materials (5 points)

### 3. WRITTEN EXAMINATION – 40 Points Total

- A. Multiple Choice (20 points)
- B. Short Answer (10 points)
- C. Essay (10 points)



# CHANCELLOR'S ENDORSED DIPLOMA IN THE ARTS: DANCE

## DANCE COMMENCEMENT EXAM TIMELINE

### Section 1:

**Student Performance On-Demand**

Administered at schools

**JANUARY**

**FEBRUARY to MAY**

### Section 3:

**Written Examination**

Administered by schools in one 3-hour sitting

**JUNE**

**ONGOING:**

### Section 2:

**Student Exit Project**

Evaluated by supervising teachers at schools

Please support all Dance seniors to take the written examination in June. Parents are asked to avoid scheduling vacations, Dr.'s appointments etc. during exam season

**DRAMA STUDIO  
ASSESSMENT  
REQUIREMENTS**

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ENDORSED  
DIPLOMA IN THE  
ARTS**





# CHANCELLOR'S ENDORSED DIPLOMA IN THE ARTS : THEATER

## DRAMA COMMENCEMENT EXAM

### A Special Note From the Drama Studio

*Excerpted from La! Weekly Bulletin (12/18/17)*

Not only can students receive the Arts Endorsed Diploma, passing the Drama Commencement Exam can be used in lieu of the LOTE Exam for the Advanced Regents Diploma.

**In January, all Drama seniors take the first part of the City Arts Exam, which is the practical exam in acting: short two person scenes. Seniors are also required to submit pre- and post- essays, assessments and annotated scripts based on their One Acts.**

**In June, Seniors take the written section of the exam, which includes multiple choice questions and essays. In order to receive a passing score, students must complete all sections of the Exam.**

If a student would have received a passing score but does not sit for all sections of the exam, the student does not pass and becomes ineligible for the Chancellor's Arts Endorsement on their Advanced Regents Diploma

## THEATER COMMENCEMENT EXAM COMPONENTS

1. **ON DEMAND PERFORMANCE TASK 30 Points Total**2. **SENIOR EXIT PROJECT – 30 Points Total** (*students must complete & submit all three parts to receive any credit*)

- A. Student Exit Project (20 points)
- B. Statement of Goals (5 points)
- C. End of Project Reflection (5 points)

3. **WRITTEN EXAMINATION – 40 Points Total**

- A. Multiple Choice (20 points)
- B. Reflective Essay (10 points)





# CHANCELLOR'S ENDORSED DIPLOMA IN THE ARTS : THEATER

## THEATER COMMENCEMENT EXAM TIMELINE

### Section 1:

#### Student Performance On-Demand

Administered at schools

**JANUARY**

In January all Drama seniors take the first part of the City Arts Exam, which is the practical exam in acting: short two person scenes

**SPRING SEMESTER**

### ONGOING:

#### Section 2:

#### Student Exit Project Evaluated by supervising teachers at schools

### Section 3:

#### Written Examination

Administered by schools in one 3-hour sitting

**JUNE**

Please support all Drama seniors to take the written examination in June. Parents are asked to avoid scheduling vacations, Dr.'s appointments etc. during exam season

**VISUAL ART STUDIO**  
CHANCELLOR'S  
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ARTS



# La! CHANCELLOR'S ENDORSED DIPLOMA IN THE ARTS : VISUAL ARTS

## VISUAL ARTS COMMENCEMENT EXAM COMPONENTS

### I. ART CONCEPTS: Design, Materials & Techniques, Cultural & Historical Connections 30 Points

- A. 60 Multiple Choice Questions

### II. ESSAY: Analysis and Interpretation – 15 Points

An essay response based on a given premise, and on selected works of art included in the examination booklet

### III. PERFORMANCE APPLICATIONS – 25 Points

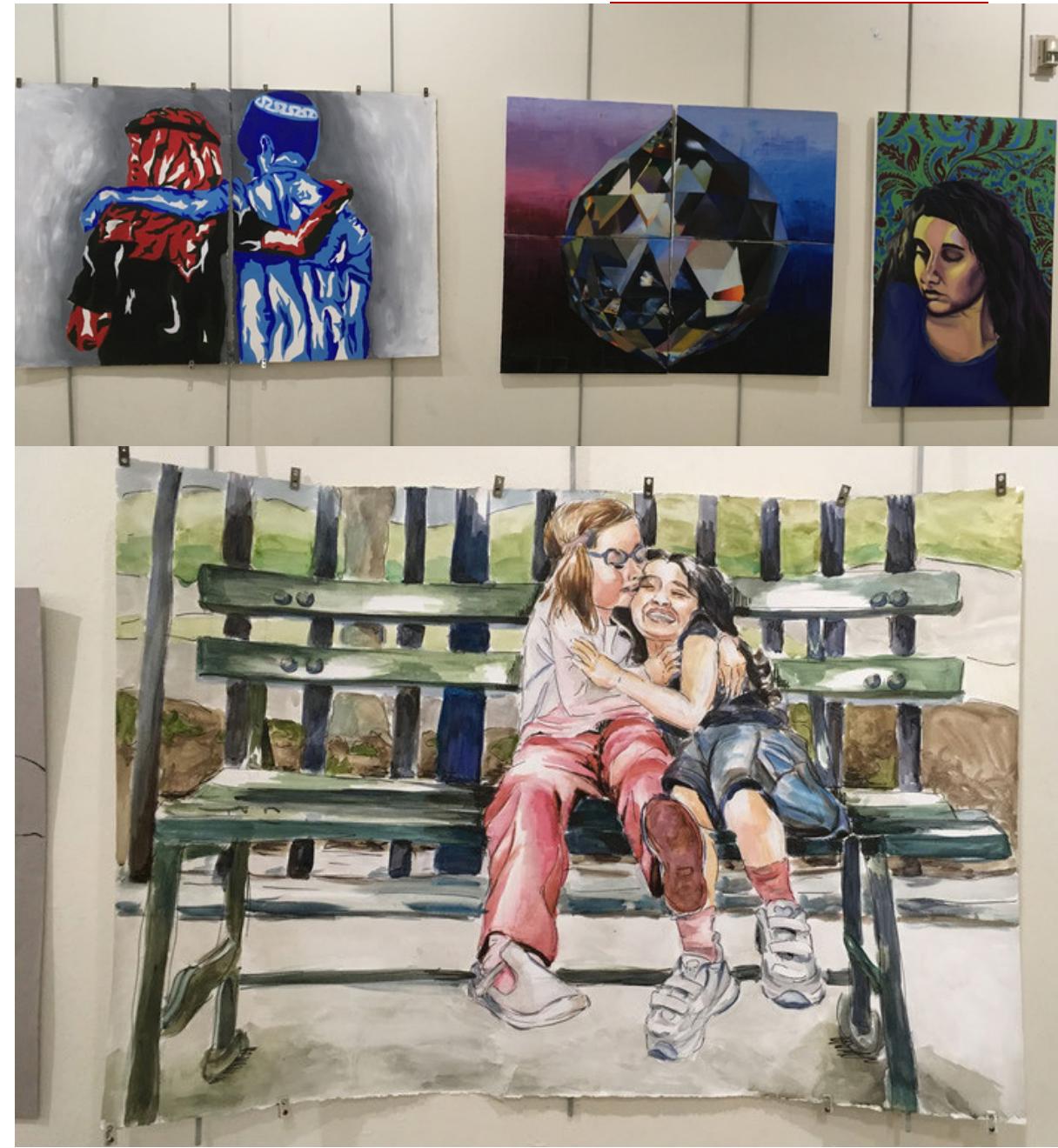
- A. Two Dimensional Applied Design: A design application using a color medium (10 Points)

- B. Drawing from Observation: A drawing from observation using a black and white medium (15 Points)

### IV. PORTFOLIO: AREA(S) OF SPECIALIZATION – 30 Points (*Must be completed prior to the examination*)

- A. Presentation of Artwork (20 Points)

- B. Reflective Essay (10 points)





# CHANCELLOR'S ENDORSED DIPLOMA IN THE ARTS : VISUAL ARTS

## VISUAL ARTS COMMENCEMENT EXAM COMPONENTS

### More on the Portfolio

#### **PORTRAIT: AREA(S) OF SPECIALIZATION – 30 Points**

*Must be completed prior to the examination*

#### **A. Presentation of Artwork (20 Points)**

*An evaluation of five (5) student artworks demonstrating mastery in 1, 2 or 3 areas of specialization.*

*Areas of specialization include but are not limited to:*

Architecture	Photography	Two-Dimensional Applied Design/Graphic Design
Ceramics	Printmaking	Fashion /Textile Design
Drawing	Sculpture	Media Technology
Painting	Video	Stage Design

#### **B. Reflective Essay (10 Points)**

*An essay response based on artwork in the student's portfolio*





# CHANCELLOR'S ENDORSED DIPLOMA IN THE ARTS : VISUAL ARTS

## VISUAL ARTS COMMENCEMENT EXAM

### Portfolio Notes From the Art Studio

Portfolios are graded in house and LaGuardia visual art students far exceed the rubric that the OASP supplies - last year all students who submitted 5 pieces received full credit. OSAP does not specify when and where the art included had to be created so it is simply just **5 of the student's best pieces**. This is all shared in the Art History classes and the Art History teachers really start pushing it around April as **portfolios are due mid-June**

NYCDOE  
SEAL OF  
RECOGNITION FOR  
SERVICE



# CHANCELLOR'S SEAL OF RECOGNITION FOR SERVICE

- ❖ Students must meet a minimum of 100 hours of independent service, related service-learning, and/or a school-led service program over his or her high school years.
- ❖ LaG students must enter their service hours for approval through the x2Vol system which can be accessed through Naviance
- ❖ LaG students have many opportunities for service within LaG at student orientation events, performances, auditions etc.
- ❖ The service seal may accompany other awards or recognition; for example, **students may earn both an arts diploma endorsement and a service seal.**
- ❖ 100 Hours of service is not a graduation requirement nor is it a requirement for obtaining the Advanced Regents diploma.



# CHANCELLOR'S SEAL OF RECOGNITION FOR SERVICE

## SERVICE SOCIETIES AT LAGUARDIA

**ARISTA, the LaGuardia Arts Chapter of the National Honor Society**, is based on the following criteria exhibited during the school year prior to induction:

- Scholarship with a minimum average of 90%
- Exemplary character (no major dean's offense)
- Leadership qualities
- And a minimum of 50 hours of community service a year once admitted.



**ARCHON (The National Honor Service Honor Society)** recognizes students who perform outstanding service to the school and the community. The Requirements are:

- Exemplary character
- Academic achievement with a minimum average of 85 %
- Respect for the rights of others
- Loyalty to the school and the city
- A minimum of 80 hours of community service and two school-based activities each year.
- Attendance at Archon meetings.

STUDENTS WHO MEET THE REQUIREMENTS FOR ARISTA OR ARCHON CAN FIND APPLICATIONS AND MORE INFORMATION AT  
<http://aristalag.weebly.com/>

## APPENDIX

### GLOSSARY OF TERMS

**Commencement Exam**: All of the assessments - including the closed examination administered during Regents week in June – that must be properly completed by students seeking the Chancellor’s Arts Endorsed Diploma

**NYSSMA: New York State School Music Association** - NYSSMA sponsors solo & small ensemble and major ensemble festivals in New York State each spring. At solo and small ensemble festivals, students are given a performance evaluation that involves playing a graded solo from the NYSSMA Manual, playing scales and sight reading. A festival is not a competition. It is evaluative.

**OSAP: Office of Arts and Special Projects** – A division of the NYC DOE. Oversees the administration of the commencement examinations for the Chancellor’s Arts Endorsed Diplomas

**THANK YOU**