

New Courses for the 2026-2027 School Year

AAC Performing Arts

Music: Band, Orchestra, and Choir

Course Prerequisites		Course Requirements <i>All normal requirements of your ensemble, plus:</i>
2 years in a middle school program		Learn the All-region etudes and successfully participate in All-region auditions (not freshman region)
Previous year's final average grade 90 or higher		Play two Class 1 solos OR a Class 1 solo and a Class 1 ensemble. One solo must be performed by memory. Solos must be performed with accompaniment.
Enrolled and placed by audition in a high school music course		Write a 5-6 page research paper on your chosen solo and its composer.
Previously shown ability to learn All-region etudes and a Class 1 solo		Attend three concerts and turn in one-page reflection papers after each.
Can work independently, complete assignments, and meet deadlines		

Dance

Course Prerequisites		Course Requirements <i>All normal requirements of the on-level course, plus:</i>
2 years in a middle school program		Digital Portfolio
Previous year's final average grade 90 or higher		Choreograph two original dances (any style/genre), one of which will be an ensemble, and the other will be a solo or duet, to be performed in class and for the public.
Enrolled and placed by audition in a high school dance course		Write a 5-6 page research paper on your choice of historical, social, or cultural dance topic approve by the director.
Previously demonstrated ability gain knowledge beyond the classroom		Observe two dance performances each semester and turn in one-page written reflection about each.
Proven ability to work independently, complete assignments, meet deadlines, and produce long-term projects		

Theatre

Course Prerequisites	Course Requirements <i>All normal requirements of the on-level course, plus:</i>
Completed a minimum of two full years in middle school theatre program. One of these years must include a level three course specializing in production or technical theatre during the eighth-grade year.	The student will audition for an acting role and/or apply for a technical theatre job for every mainstage production offered by their school's theatre department. Enrollment in the AAC Theatre course does not automatically secure a role or job.
Earned a minimum final average grade of 90 in the previous academic year's theatre course.	The student will compile and submit an online portfolio for review by the theatre teacher at the end of each semester.
Currently enrolled in and placed by their director (after an audition or interview) into a high school theatre course for the entire academic year.	The student will complete 100 hours over the course of the year by logging work in the performances of a production, work toward the culmination of productions, or work on other theatre department projects.
Previously demonstrated the ability to gain theatre knowledge beyond the classroom requirements by participating in productions and/or designing and creating technical theatre components.	The student will complete at least one of the following options: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Speaking or ensemble role in mainstage production. • Performance of a spoken piece (i.e., monologue, scene) in class.
Proven ability to work independently, meet deadlines, complete assignments, and produce long-term projects.	The student can complete the 30 hours by working on multiple productions, or they can complete them by fulfilling multiple roles within the same show.
	The student will complete a student-directed scene or serve as a student/assistant director on a production and complete assignment.