

## **AMPA MAJORS**

### **Hamilton High School Academy of Music and Performing Arts Major Contract**

The Academy of Music and Performing Arts engages and supports students who have a passion for the performing arts. We seek to prepare students to make informed future educational and career choices by immersing them in challenging and rigorous performance programs which are fused with academics, evolving technologies, and professional experiences.

#### **Vision:**

The Academy of Music and Performing Arts views the arts as essential to the human spirit. We strive to graduate students who are ready to accept multiple challenges because they have experienced a diverse and stimulating curriculum.

- This is a place of artistic integrity, where students may collaborate on artistic endeavors to expand their technique and knowledge.
- We create and develop critical thinking young adults through performing arts training.
- We are a qualified educational program which develops students through curriculum that integrates the performing arts and college preparatory academics.
- We develop students academically, artistically, and socially; so they leave school as independent, cooperative, responsible and creative young adults.

#### **Beliefs:**

- We believe that all students should have access to arts training.
- We believe that student learning is enhanced by cross disciplinary and integrated instruction.
- We believe that students flourish in a creative and purpose driven environment.
- We believe the arts appeal to the multiple intelligences students possess.
- We believe that instructional programs should extend beyond the classroom.
- We believe that partnerships and mentorships between the Academy and the business community enhance and strengthen student learning and opportunities.
- We believe that training in the performing arts combined with academic rigor prepares students to graduate as creative and confident individuals.

**Academics:**

We are a part of a comprehensive high school where students must fulfill all requirements necessary to earn a high school diploma. Our classes are designed to suit various levels of student abilities, including: honors, and advanced placement courses offered in all academic disciplines. In addition to our performing arts classes, we offer classes to our magnet students in English, World Languages, Science, Math, Social Studies, Physical Education, and Advertising/Design.

- We prepare students for the professional world in their fields of interest.
- We create a nurturing educational environment for students who excel in the performing arts.
- We provide academic teachers trained in arts education that can better relate to and educate performing arts students.
- As a magnet program we serve to racially integrate Hamilton high school's campus and culture.

**Majors:**

We expect students to continue their pursuit of performing arts by choosing one of the required majors: Dance, Film, Instrumental Music - Strings, Instrumental Music - Winds, Instrumental Jazz, Music Technology, Musical Theater, Piano, Theater, Theater Tech, or Voice.

*All students in AMPA are required to be in a level of the discipline they are accepted into for every year they are enrolled in AMPA.*

**Rules and guidelines:**

1. Students must be prompt, present, prepared, participate, and produce.
2. Students must commit to the work and the group.
3. Students are expected to maintain academic eligibility, by earning a minimum 2.0 grade point average.
4. Students are able to work on more than one seal for their diploma.
5. All students enrolled in the Academy of Music and Performing Arts must select a major to follow.
6. Students will have an opportunity to change majors once by 2nd semester sophomore year, with the guidance of their majors teacher and their counselor.
7. The following majors requirements are listed with an assumption of 4 complete years of AMPA attendance.

**Dance**

4 years Dance  
3 years Performing Arts electives (must be a complete year)

**Film**

4 years Film  
1 year Theater or Musical Theater  
1 year Music Technology

**Instrumental Jazz**

Enrolled in a jazz ensemble every semester of attendance  
Enrolled in a classical ensemble every semester of attendance  
1 year piano  
1 year AP Music Theory

**Instrumental Music - Strings Emphasis:  
Classical, Mariachi, or Guitar**

4 years Strings  
1 year Piano or Music Theory  
2 years from Music Theory Voice, Music Tech, Guitar, and/or Jazz

**Instrumental Music - Winds Emphasis:  
Classical or Mariachi**

4 years Winds  
1 year Piano  
2 years Jazz, Theory, Music History, Music Tech, Voice, Strings, Guitar, or Mariachi

**Music Technology**

1 year Piano  
1 year Music Technology 1  
1 year Music Technology Productions

**Music Technology (continued)**

1 additional year Music Tech Productions OR 1 year Music Industry & Media  
1 year Music Theory onsite OR completion of a *pre-approved* college Music Theory course  
2 years Arts electives

**Musical Theater**

4 years Musical Theater  
1 years Dance  
1 years Voice  
1 year Tech Theater

**Piano**

4 years Piano  
1 year Music Theory or Music History  
2 years Performing Arts Elective

**Theater Technology**

3 years Technical Theater  
1 year Music Technology OR Wood Shop  
2 years arts elective

**Theater**

4 years Drama  
1 year Theater Production  
1 year any Performing Arts elective  
1 semester Theater History  
1 semester Tech Theater

**Voice**

4 years Choir  
1 year Piano or Music Theory  
2 years Performing Arts elective (music history, stage tech, musical theater, drama, piano, dance, instrumental ensemble)

Worksheet: Major Requirements Taken/To be taken

9th Grade	10th Grade	11th Grade	12th Grade

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Major/Major Contract**

Student's Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_ MI \_\_\_\_\_

Student ID Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade Level \_\_\_\_\_ Semester ( ) Fall or ( ) Spring

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

I have read and understand the vision, beliefs, and rules in attending the Academy of Performing Arts and Music at Hamilton High school. I understand that it is my responsibility as an Academy student to participate in the program I have selected.

Major Selected \_\_\_\_\_

I understand that I am committing to a program for the next four years or until I leave AMPA.

Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_ MI \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

I have read and understand the contract for AMPA. I agree to support my child through this program and process. I also understand this program is a four year commitment towards the student's chosen major and program. I am aware that students must maintain academic eligibility in order to perform.

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_