

**New School for the Arts & Academics  
A Visual & Performing Arts High School  
Course of Study  
2009-2010**

School Hours: 8:50 AM - 3:15 PM; block schedule.

An optional zero hour will also be offered for selected courses, from 8:00-8:45 each morning.

All courses are one year long.

All students are on the college-preparatory track; 25 credits are required to graduate:

- 4 Mathematics
- 4 English
- 3 Social Sciences
- 3 Science
- 2 Foreign Language
- 9+ Arts & Electives (12 are possible for students who attend all four years)

These credit requirements are aligned with the Arizona Board of Regents requirements for admittance to ASU, U of A, and NAU; they are also similar to the requirements of most out-of state universities and art conservatories.

#### **Mathematics Requirements**

- Algebra 1-2
- Geometry
- Algebra 3-4
- Trigonometry / Pre-Calculus  
or Math Analysis
- Calculus (H)
  
- 4 years are required; take in sequence

#### **English Requirements**

- English Composition (9)
- British Literature (9-10)
- American Literature (10-11)
- Mythology & the Short Story (10-12)
- Literature, Rhetoric, & Society (11-12)
- AP English Composition (11-12)
- AP English Literature (12)
  
- 4 years are required

#### **Social Sciences Requirements**

- World History & Geography (9-10)
- United States / AZ History (11-12)  
or AP United States History (11-12)
- Government & Economics (10-11-12)
  
- 3 years are required

#### **Science Requirements**

- Science Foundations (9)
- Biology (9-10) (required for all students)
- Integrated Health Science (10-12)
- Chemistry (11-12)
- Physics  
or AP Physics C: Mechanics (11-12)
- Anatomy & Physiology (11-12) (offered  
alternate years)
  
- 3 years are required

#### **Foreign Language Requirements**

- French 1-2
- French 3-4 *or*
- Spanish 1-2
- Spanish 3-4
  
- 2 years of the same language are required

#### **Honors Options**

Available in all subjects, academics and arts. Any student may design honors options with any of his or her instructors individually. Also, some classes may be offered as separate Honors sections, depending on student requests.

**AP / College Coursework:** AP Courses are offered as listed above, as well as AP Music Theory. Dual enrollment is available for selected upper-level courses through Rio Salado College.

## High School Arts Curriculum

When beginning 10<sup>th</sup> grade, all students must select a major, or Program of Study. This may be done in 9<sup>th</sup> grade, but is not required at that time.

- Programs of Study
  - help you focus in your major areas
  - better prepare you for college study in your discipline
  - guide you to classes that support your strengths.
- Programs of Study include:
  - Literary Arts Major
  - Performing Arts Integrated Major
  - Performing Arts Specialized Majors
  - Visual Arts Major
  - Interdisciplinary Arts Major

The following breakdowns by major show the requirements for each; all majors have a total of 9 credits in a combination of required and related elective courses (with the exception of Musical Theater, which has 10). Students who attend NSAA for 4 years will be able to take an additional 3 credits of arts in any area they choose.

### Visual Arts Major

- Visual Arts Foundations - 1
- Complete levels I-III in one of the following areas, and levels I-II in another - 5
  - Ceramics
  - Digital Arts
  - Drawing / Life Drawing
  - Fashion Design / Costume Design
  - Film & Video
  - Painting
  - Photography
- Visual Arts Electives – choose 3

### Performing Arts Integrated Major

- Music Theory - 1
- Vocal / Instrumental - 1
- Dance – 1
- Theater – 1
- Complete levels I-III in one of the following areas, and levels I-II in another:
  - Ballet or Jazz Dance or Modern Dance
  - Guitar or Piano
  - Vocal Music
  - Acting or Musical Theater

### Performing Arts—Dance Major

- Dance Development / Technique / Advanced (depending on level) - 4
- Advanced Dance - 2
- Dance Company / Choreography – 1
- Related Electives – 2 (Choose from Music Performance, Acting, Theater Production, Music Theory, Costume Design, or any Dance class.)

### Performing Arts—Instrumental Music Major

- Guitar / Piano / Instrumental Performance (depending on instrument) - 3

- Music Theory - 2
- Instrumental Ensemble - 1
- Vocal Music – 1
- Related Electives – 2 (Choose any Instrumental or Vocal Music class, Theater Production, or Acting)

### Performing Arts—Vocal Major

- Vocal Development / Performance – 3
- Vocal Ensemble (either Mixed Chorus or Women's Ensemble) – 2
- Music Theory – 2
- Related Electives – 2 (Choose any Instrumental or Vocal Music class, Theater Production, Acting, or Dance)

### Performing Arts—Theater Major

- Acting – 3
- Theater Studies – 1
- Theater Production – 2
- Vocal Development or Music Theory – 1
- Related Electives – 2 (Choose any Theater class, Writing for Stage & Screen, Dance, Music Theory, Music Performance, Guitar, or Piano)

### Performing Arts—Musical Theater Major

- Musical Theater - 3
- Acting - 2
- Vocal Music - 2
- Dance - 1
- Theater Studies - 1
- Theater Production - 1

### Literary Arts Major

- Intro. to Creative Writing – 1
- Creative Writing: Fiction / Poetry / Stage & Screen – 3
- Publication Design – 1

- Literary / Related Electives – 4 (Choose from Writing for Journalism, English, Film & Video, Theater Studies, Theater Production, Photography, or Digital Arts)

#### **Inter-Disciplinary Arts Major**

- Any Literary Arts class - 1
- Any Performing Arts class - 1
- Any Visual Arts class - 1
- Complete level III in any two discipline areas from *different* arts departments - 3 + 3 = 6 (Visual & Performing, Performing & Literary, Literary & Visual).
  - For example: Photography and Vocal Music, or Creative Writing and Acting.

### **Before the School Year Begins**

#### ■ **Enrollment Paperwork**

Submit to the Registrar; all enrollment forms must be signed and complete, including immunization records and academic records from any previous high schools attended.

#### ■ **Course Request Form (for 9<sup>th</sup> graders)**

Submit to front desk, signed by a parent.

#### ■ **Auditions & Interviews** for placement and course requests: [www.aznsaa.com](http://www.aznsaa.com)

Please see our web site for dates; please attend on the earliest possible interview day.

Walk in and sign in; students will be seen in the order they arrive. All new students should attend, as well as any returning students who wish to place into courses for which they have not met the prerequisite, or for which an audition is required.

Show us your

- Visual Art portfolios
- Music recordings
- Theater clips
- Writing samples

Be prepared to

- Dance
- Sing
- Play Music (prepare a solo to music you enjoy for any of these areas)
- Act (prepare a brief monologue)  
In 2-minute auditions for Performing Arts

### **Tell your friends: New Family Meetings**

March 23, April 20, & May 18, 2009  
More dates TBA (please see the web site).  
All meetings begin at 6:00 p.m.