

Arts Academy in the Woods

Registration Form

Welcome to Arts Academy in the Woods (AAW). The mission of AAW is to provide an integrated arts and academic program with specialty areas in Music (Vocal and Instrumental), Visual Art, Dance, Theater (Drama), and Multimedia (Digital Imaging) that will give students the opportunity to investigate a core academic curriculum with an arts centered approach. The Arts Academy in the Woods is a fully accredited High School.

Arts Academy in the Woods will help students envision their future and gain confidence in their abilities to achieve their goals.

Students at AAW experience an arts-integrated core curriculum that allows them to prepare for advanced study in all major academic disciplines as well as the arts and humanities.

AAW students will be prepared to succeed in institutions of higher learning, to define and pursue career goals, and to grow as active participants in the global community.

In the interest of fulfilling our mission and providing the highest level of educational success for your child we present the following requirements for all AAW families desiring admittance to the Arts Academy in the Woods.

1. Graduation and Course Requirements

The purpose of the promotion policy is to specify minimum requirements in academic credit accrual and art performance competencies to receive a graduation diploma from the Arts Academy in the Woods.

Credit Accrual: Students must successfully complete a minimum of 26 ½ credits* to receive an AAW diploma including no less than 17 ½ academic course credits, 4 credits in art major, ½ credit for senior project in the art major, ½ credit in humanities, 2 credits in art outside of major, and 2 credits in other course work. Failed academic courses must be made up in summer school or in an approved program within the year following the failing grade. Transcripts must be turned in before school starts showing a passing grade in order to be counted toward the student's official grade placement.

Required courses for graduation include:

- ½ credit in Health
- 1 credit in Physical Education
- 2 credits in Foreign Language (must be in the same language)
- 4 credits in Math
- 3 credits in Social Studies (of which ½ credit is in Government)
- 4 credits in English
- 3 credits in Science
- 4 credits in your art major
- ½ credit senior project in art major
- 2 credits in other courses—art or academic
- 2 credits in art outside of major
- .5 credit in Humanities (taken in 9th or 10th grade)

Failing any 3 or more courses in a year will require the student to be retained and repeat the entire year. A pattern of failed classes for two or more years places the student on academic probation. A student's continuation at AAW will be dependent on successful adherence to a contract agreed upon by the school, student, and parents or guardians.

*When a student transfers into AAW and has earned all possible credits offered from previous school, but is not on track to graduate on time from AAW, AAW can waive (after review of student's complete and official transcripts) elective credit requirements necessary for that student to graduate.

Art Competencies

AAW is designed to provide students with interest in learning about the Arts, gaining skills in the Arts, and performance in the Arts. While students are not required to pursue further art careers, all students must be prepared to take a minimum of 4 art classes in their major, at least ½ credit in their senior project (which is in their art major), and maintain adequate progress in their art major classes. In addition, students are required to take 2 art courses outside of their major(s) and 1 course in humanities in either the ninth or tenth grade. A failing grade in a student's art major places a student at risk for leaving the school. The mandatory art classes are included in the computation of overall grade point averages.

2. Parental Participation

At AAW we believe the education of your child can only be successful with the commitment and full participation by students, staff, and parents. Research has shown that students who have parental involvement in their school benefit from an increased likelihood of educational success.

Therefore, it is strongly encouraged that all parents volunteer 20 hours per year in school related programs/activities. Examples of activities include but are not limited to, chaperoning field trips, office support, lunch room supervision, library assistance, etc.

3. Other Requirements

Students wishing to enroll in AAW must provide the school with the additional following information:

- Birth Certificate
- Immunization record of all required shots
- Complete transcripts from the last school of attendance, or for incoming 9th graders, 7th and 8th grade final report cards.
- Book Deposit: At the beginning of the school year a book deposit of \$45.00 will be collected and held until all books are turned in at the end of the school year. If all books are turned in and in good condition the deposit will either be, according to the parents' wishes, refunded or rolled over to the next school year. The cost of damaged or lost books will be subtracted from the book deposit.
- Accurate and full disclosures of any previous or pending expulsions and administration transfers.

4. Enrollment Window

Students may be admitted to AAW up to the first ten days of the beginning of the school year or second semester providing all application requirements are complete.

5. Auditions and Testing

Students must audition in their chosen Art area of interest/major and take academic placement tests for the school. The tests and auditions are used to make appropriate course selections.

AGREEMENT FOR BOTH STUDENTS AND PARENTS

Arts Academy in the Woods offers students an integrated arts and academic curriculum in a positive and supportive learning environment. Parents and families play an important role in helping the students to succeed. We employ teaching techniques found in advanced arts studies with performance and real world application along with a strong academic core program. Our passing grade is D and above and there is no social promotion.

An effective school organization must include fair rules that will protect the rights of all and permit the educational process to proceed in a safe and orderly fashion. Therefore, it is a requirement of AAW that all students adhere to the Student Code of Conduct at all times during the school hours and at any school activities.

AAW is a school of **choice**. Students who choose to attend this school also agree to accept its rules and mission.

I have read the Mission Statement and I will subscribe to it.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Student Signature

I will read the Student Code of Conduct and agree to be held accountable to its terms.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Student Signature

I have read the graduation, promotion, and course requirements and agree to be held accountable to its terms.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Student Signature

We, the undersigned, certify that all statements made in this application are true, accurate, and complete; including all report cards, transcripts, letters of reference, essays, medical records, birth certificates, and other submitted documents.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

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