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FCPS Distinguished Arts Scholar Application

Visual and Performing Arts

Frederick County Public Schools
191 South East Street
Frederick, Maryland 21701

Form 025-F01
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The FCPS Distinguished Arts Scholar Program recognizes highly dedicated and accomplished students in the fine arts. These students have successfully completed at least four elective courses in their chosen discipline (dance, music, theatre, or visual art) earning a final grade of B or higher in each. Beyond academic excellence, they actively engage in additional arts-related activities that demonstrate their commitment and skill. To be recognized, students must also meet the following criteria:

Dance:

- Choreograph at least one dance for public presentation (solo or ensemble).
- Audition for All-County Dance each year enrolled in an FCPS dance course.
- Be a member of the National Dance Honor Society (if offered at the school).

Music:

- Participate for at least two years in All-County or All-State music ensembles. Or participate in one All-County or All-State ensemble and receive a Superior rating at least once at an FCPS Solo & Ensemble festival.
- Be a member of the Tri-M Music Honor Society (if offered at the school).

Theatre:

- Participate in at least five after-school theatre productions.
- Perform a monologue or scene at the FCC/FCPS Theatre Festival each year the class attends.
- Be a member of the International Thespian Society (if offered at the school).

Visual Art:

- Display student artwork in at least two public art shows.
- Be a member of the National Art Honor Society (if offered at the school).

SAMPLE General Arts Pathway: Dance, Music, Theatre, or Visual Arts

Period	9th Grade	10th Grade	11th Grade	12th Grade
1	ELA 9 (Honors/On Grade)	ELA 10 (Honors/On Grade)	ELA 11 (AP/DE/Honors)	ELA 12 (AP/DE/Honors)
2	Math	Math	Math (AP/Honors/On Grade)	Math (AP/Honors/On Grade)
3	U.S. History (AP/Honors)	Government (AP/Honors)	Science (AP/DE/Honors)	Science AP/DE or Elective
4	World Language	Science (AP/Honors/On Grade)	Financial Literacy.5/Health 2 (.5)	History AP/DE or Elective
5	PE/Health	World Language	World History (AP/Honors)	Elective (Fine Art or AP course)
6	Science	Tech Ed	Elective (Art or AP course)	Elective (Fine Art or AP course)
7	Fine Art Level 1	Fine Art Level 2	Fine Art Level 3 OR AP/Dual Enrollment Art	Fine Art Level 4 OR AP/Dual Enrollment Art
8	Elective (or additional Art)	Elective (or additional Art)	Elective (or additional Art)	Elective (or additional Art)

Adobe Certified Professional (ACP) testing is available to students enrolled in upper-level courses.

Sample can be adapted to meet the Maryland AP Option.

Student Directions: Complete this FCPS Distinguished Arts Scholar Application. Obtain signatures from your discipline-area teacher and honor society advisor (if applicable). Submit the completed form to your school counselor for confirmation and submission **by April 15**.

Student Name: _____ FCPS Student ID#: _____

High School: _____ Expected Year of Graduation: ____

Parent/Guardian's Name: _____

Parent/Guardian's Email: _____

Discipline Area (check one): ☐ Dance ☐ Music ☐ Theatre ☐ Visual Art

I confirm that I have completed at least four fine arts elective courses in my chosen discipline area, earning a grade of B or higher in each. Additionally, I have fulfilled all other requirements for my selected artistic discipline.

Printed Name: _____ Signature: _____ Date: ____

FOR DISCIPLINE TEACHER/ HONOR SOCIETY ADVISOR (if offered at the school) **ONLY**

I confirm that the student has successfully met the specific qualification requirements for their chosen discipline (dance, music, theatre, or visual art).

Printed Name: _____ Signature: _____ Date: ____

FOR SCHOOL COUNSELORS ONLY

I confirm that the student has successfully completed at least four fine arts elective courses in their chosen discipline (dance, music, theatre, or visual art), earning a final grade of B or higher in each.

Printed Name: _____ Signature: _____ Date: ____

Please submit the completed form to the Visual & Performing Arts Curriculum Office, attention Amanda McGrath, Coordinator of PK-12 Visual and Performing Arts, by April 22.

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☐ FCPS Distinguished Arts Scholar awarded
☐ FCPS Distinguished Arts Scholar NOT awarded Reason: _____

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Printed Name: _____ Signature: _____ Date: ____