



## Academy Overview: Arts and Humanities

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The purpose of this academy is to expose students to the history of mankind's written and creative endeavors in history, literature, languages, and fine arts so they broaden their perception of society and culture. The Arts and Humanities classes will help students look at art and life in different perspectives.

Arts and Humanities Academy students learn not only the basic skills of art, band, chorus and drama but have the opportunity to succeed in multiple competitions plus learn the production side of each of these visual arts. The students exploring humanities have the choices of foreign languages, journalism, or in-depth studies in the social fields (psychology, sociology, history, literature).

Instruction in the Arts and Humanities Academy allows students to focus on safety, studio projects, portfolio organization, and employment skills. Students are encouraged to participate in a variety of local, state, and national contests as well as to present their projects to industry professional and postsecondary educators. Successful completion in these courses prepare students for postsecondary education and entry-level positions.

Theodore High's Arts and Humanities Academy students will be well rounded and ready to help address challenges that they will face in life.



## Course Sequences: (taken consecutively in grades 10,11,12)

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**Pathway: Fine Arts (three consecutive courses in one area)**

Courses: Drama 1, 2, 3; Stage management, Study of Film, Theater; Art 1, 2, 3, 4, 5; AP Studio Art; Band 1,2,3,4; Chorus 1,2,3,4

**Pathway: Humanities (three consecutive courses in one area)**

Courses: Psychology, AP Psychology, Sociology, Geography, AP Human Geography, AP Historiography AP European Hy., AP US HY., AP Government, Holocaust Studies, AP Eng.11, AP/ dual Eng. 12, Creative Writing, Speech, Mythology; Spanish 1,2,3,4; German 1,2,3,4; Spanish 1,2,3,4, Journalism (newspaper or yearbook) I, II, III, IV

# Course Descriptions

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## Art 1-2

This course exposes the students of fundamentals of design and composition then introduces basic materials, vocabulary, and techniques used in visual arts.

## Art 3

This course explores two-dimensional art media.

## Art 4-5

This course provides and in-depth study applied to painting, drawing and printmaking.

## AP/Studio Art

Individually designed for students who intend to pursue careers in art; outside work is required.

## Marching Band 1,2,3,4

These courses provide the opportunities for student participation in a marching band. Weekly after school practices may be required

## Concert Band 1,2,3,4

These courses provide opportunities for student participation to develop musical skills in band and instrumental ensembles. Tone, performance technique, and musical form are emphasized.

## Symphonic Band 1,2,3,4

These courses provide opportunities to develop musicianship in band and instrumental ensembles including interpreting difficult music and developing performance technique.

## Jazz Band

This course is designed for students to learn basic fundamentals of jazz performing techniques.

## Piano and Guitar

These are classes to teach basic skills or add to student's knowledge of the instrument.

## Beginning & Intermediate Chorus

These courses help develop the nature, structure, and meaning of music through rehearsal and performance.

## Advanced Chorus

This course helps students develop creativity and refined performance techniques.

## Choral Ensemble

This course is designed for a highly select small, balanced vocal ensemble capable of performing a variety of styles at a high level of proficiency.

## Drama 1-2

These courses provide in-depth experiences in study of theater arts and literature then continues to build on through development of theater skills through reading, acting, and stagecraft.

## Theater Experience

This course is a course which includes the study of the structure of plays, with an emphasis on polished characterization and theater production.

## Psychology/AP Psychology

This course is the systematic and scientific study of behavior and mental process of humans and other animals.

## Sociology

This course is the study of cultural diversity and its effects on social trends.

## Geography/AP geography

This course is the study of patterns and processes that have shaped human understanding, use and alteration of the earth's surface.

## Historiography

This courses seeks to understand the ways in which history is written by exploring what shapes historical works.

## Mythology

This course is designed to help students understand allusions to myths in literature, language, and art with a solid background in Greek and Roman mythology.

## Journalism

This courses provides experiences in newspaper reporting, layout, marketing and printing while yearbook class gives experiences in formatting and design skills for producing a yearbook.

## Creative Writing

This course develops writing and language skills for expression through poetry, short stories, plays, novels, essays, or nonfiction.

## Speech

This course provides the instruction in the fundamentals of formal and informal oral communication.