

Half Hollow Hills Visual Arts Conservatory

Half Hollow Hills Visual Arts Conservatory is a new district-sponsored program designed to recognize student commitment and achievement in the Visual Arts. The program includes academic, leadership and portfolio-based components connected to the Visual Arts curriculum. The Conservatory will assist students in the development of the 21st century skills necessary to compete in a global job market, which now demands a workforce of creative problem solvers.

Through creative and disciplined exploration, students participate in studio activities that involve structured investigation, self-reflection, critique, aesthetics, historical context, and multiculturalism. Graduates are prepared to begin an advanced degree in a competitive college environment. Students who choose to participate in the Visual Arts Conservatory will receive a strong foundation in Visual Arts concepts, and the skills necessary to go forward as independent, responsible, and self-directed learners. Students will gain the confidence needed to explore problems, take risks, and turn challenges into numerous possibilities for their future career choices.

Upon completion of the corresponding program requirements students will receive a Distinction in Visual Arts or Advanced Distinction in Visual Arts on their transcripts. **The appropriate club advisors and your guidance counselor must sign the “Transcript Designation Application” and the completed form must be submitted to your primary teacher by May 1st.**

Program overview:

Distinction in Visual Arts

- 4 Visual Arts credits
- Overall average: 85% minimum
- Active member in good standing of the National Art Honor Society (NAHS) for one (1) full year.
- Active member in good standing for a minimum of one (1) full year in anyone (1) of the following extra-curricular visual arts clubs which may include the following: Art/ Media Club, Architecture Club, Fashion Club, Photo Club, Stage Crew, Yearbook, Photo Journalism, and/ or Newspaper.
- Completion of two (2) courses in one of the departmental sequences, ie. *Ceramics & Sculpture I* and *Ceramics & Sculpture II*, *Design & Drawing for Production I* and *Design & Drawing for Production II*.

Advanced Distinction in Visual Arts

- 5 Visual Arts credits (In addition to the HHH Visual arts courses, the 5th credit may also be obtained by the completion a Music performance ensemble)
- Overall average: 90% minimum
- Active member in good standing of the National Art Honor Society (NAHS) for two (2) full years.
- Active member in good standing for a minimum of two (2) full years in anyone (1) of the following extra-curricular visual arts clubs which may include the following:

Art/ Media Club, Architecture Club, Fashion Club, Photo Club, Stage Crew, Yearbook, Photo Journalism, and/or Newspaper.

- Completion of one (1) Advanced Placement Course in Art, which may include: *AP Studio 2-D, AP 2-D in Photo, AP Studio 3-D, AP Studio in Drawing*, and/or *AP Art History*.
- Students seeking the Advanced Distinction will present their portfolio to their primary teacher for approval before the May 1st deadline.