

## Diploma for Performance in the Fine Arts – Application

*“Performance in Fine Arts” will be printed on the Diploma and Transcript*

For: (Print student’s name) \_\_\_\_\_

*Please submit this application **with** the Diploma Request Form*

The **Diploma for Performance in the Fine Arts** is awarded to the student who has completed, **in addition to the requirements for a general diploma**, the following requirements in **Theater Arts, Performing Arts, or Fine Arts**. An Evaluator, a music instructor, drama coach, dance instructor, or other person who is able to attest to the student’s knowledge, understanding and pursuit of excellence in that area may make a recommendation. ***A parent may not make a recommendation for a Fine Arts diploma.***

Please mark the items below for the type of Fine Arts diploma that is being applied for. **All items in the selected group must be completed BEFORE submitting the Diploma Request Form. Attachments are due at the time of Application.** If you believe your student qualifies for the this honor, but does not exactly fit the criteria listed on the application, write a letter defending your position and it will be considered.

### Theater Arts

- A minimum of three units of theater or drama in addition to the general diploma requirements in English is required. These units should include study of theater history, influential writers, and famous performers and directors as well as other related topics. This course work has been included on the **MDHSA Annual Summary Form and Transcript** as it was completed.
- Participation in various aspects of production such as sets, lighting, costume, sound, and/or stage management.
- The student has been active in at least two productions.
- Attached is a recommendation from an instructor or other knowledgeable person who is able to attest to the student’s pursuit of knowledge, understanding and pursuit of excellence in the theater arts. A parent may not make a recommendation.

### Fine Arts

- Three units of studio work in at least two media of the student’s choice such as drawing, painting, ceramics, or fiber arts. This should include study of both two-dimensional and three-dimensional properties.
- One Credit of art history/humanities in addition to the minimum English and History requirements.
- Participation in at least one art show or gallery display, or other exhibit.
- Attached is a recommendation from an instructor or other knowledgeable person who is able to attest to the student’s pursuit of knowledge, understanding and pursuit of excellence in the fine arts. A parent may not make a recommendation.

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**Performing Arts: Music**

- A minimum of three units of music study in piano, voice or another instrument is required.
- Music theory must be studied either separately or incorporated into instrumental or voice instruction. A music checklist found in the MDHSA Diploma Guide should be used to identify the concepts required. This checklist covers concepts that many colleges require of students entering their music programs.
- One half unit of either sight singing or sight-reading must be included in the above units. If this was incorporated into instrumental or voice instruction, a statement to that effect from the instructor will satisfy the requirement.
- Competency with at least one instrument or in vocal performance.
- Proof of participation in at least two recitals or performances, preferably one as a soloist.
- Attached is a recommendation from an instructor or other knowledgeable person who is able to attest to the student's pursuit of knowledge, understanding and pursuit of excellence in music. A parent may not make a recommendation.

**Performing Arts: Dance (may be gymnastics or other activity, with prior approval by MDHSA)**

- A minimum of three units of dance is required. These are in addition to the physical education requirement on the MDHSA Annual Summary Form and Transcript.
- Participation in at least two recitals or performances.
- Attached is a recommendation from an instructor or other knowledgeable person who is able to attest to the student's pursuit of knowledge, understanding and pursuit of excellence in dance. A parent may not make a recommendation.

**SIGNATURES REQUIRED:**

We certify that the all information given above and attached is not exaggerated, but is true and accurate to the best of our knowledge. (Signatures required below).

Evaluator \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Student \_\_\_\_\_

Supervisor \_\_\_\_\_

APPROVED BY: (MDHSA SIGNATURE)