Union County Arts HS & Arts MS Catalog & Application 2019-2020

The Award-Winning Arts Education Programs for Gifted and Talented Students
Open to Public, Private & Home Schooled Students
Grade 6 through Grade 12

This program has been made possible in part by a grant from the New Jersey State Council on the Arts /Department of State, a partner agency of the National Endowment for the Arts.
About The Arts High & Arts Middle School Programs
The Arts High & Arts Middle School are special release-time programs for gifted and talented teens. They are administered by the Arts & Education Center, which has been operating the program in Middlesex County for the past 39 years. The Monmouth County Arts High School Program began in January 2004, and the Arts Middle School program in 2006. A similar Arts High and Middle School program for school districts in Union County begins this year!

Students are selected for the program by audition. Those accepted into the program will receive classes in the literary, performing and visual arts, taught by distinguished teaching artists. The classes are taught at an advanced level and provide a rigorous curriculum for developing artistic skills and creative expression in the art form of the student’s choice.

Arts High School classes are held from January to May, on Thursday afternoons, from 1:30-4:30 pm for a fourteen week term. Arts High School is open to students in 9th through 12th grade. Arts Middle School classes are held from February to May, on Thursday afternoons, from 1:30-4:30 pm for a twelve week term. Arts Middle School is open to students in 6th through 8th grade.

Students will be released from their regular school classes to attend the Arts High or Arts Middle School classes. Students who are accepted into programs are responsible for making up any school work they might miss as a result of their participation. Students participating in the Arts High or Arts Middle School programs come from public and non-public school districts, and home schooled students throughout Union County. Arts High classes are held at Union County College in Cranford, NJ. Arts Middle School classes are held at a location to be determined. Roundtrip transportation is made available from the student’s regular school to the program sites.

College Credit
Many of the courses in the Arts High School program can be taken for college credit. The courses have been accredited by Union County College. These credits are transferable to other colleges that accept Union County College credits. Students who register for college credit, and successfully complete their courses will receive a letter grade (in addition to an Honors, Good, Pass or Fail grade) and three college credits. Courses taken for credit require payment of an additional tuition fee to Union County College.

Fees
School districts participating in the Union County program will release students from school each week to attend the program. Most participating school districts pay tuition and bus transportation fees for their students. (Other participating school districts allow students to attend but students must pay the tuition and bus transportation fees.) Check with your school district or contact the Arts & Education Center for latest information on the current tuition fees. Students are responsible for payments of an audition fee ($50 for one artform or $70 for two artforms) and an enrollment fee of $65 which is payable once a student is accepted into the program. Students may audition for more than one art form in the same season, but will be selected for only one course of study. There is an additional materials fee of $45 for students in Visual Arts, Filmmaking & Photography classes. Contact the Arts & Education Center for information.
Grades
Students will receive a grade of Honors, Good, Pass or Fail based on their performance in class. Students who successfully complete the course with a passing grade will receive a Certificate of Achievement. Students receiving an Honors Grade in their class will receive a Certificate of Honor. Student performance reports are forwarded to their sending schools for credit towards graduation (where applicable) and notation on the student’s school transcript.

Applications
Interested students should file an application with the Arts & Education Center before the November 15 deadline. Applications are available within this catalogue, or students may apply online at www.ArtsHigh.net.

Additional catalogues are available from the Arts & Education Center.

Audition / Workshop / Portfolio Review Date
Audition / workshops / portfolio reviews for the Arts High School & Arts Middle School will be held on Saturday, December 15, 2019. The audition schedule and audition instructions will be posted online at www.ArtsHigh.net after November 15, 2019. Audition results will be mailed to applicants and their sending schools in late December. (No student will be admitted for an audition without prior registration.)

For Additional Information
Call or write: Arts & Education Center, 154 Main Street, Suite 102, Matawan, NJ 07747. Tel: 732-566-ARTS (2787) Fax: 732-566-2005 Email:info@artsandedcenter.org Web site: www.ArtsHigh.net.

Arts Middle School Classes

Creative Writing (6th-8th Grade)
This class explores various approaches to writing poetry, short stories, and plays. We will search for memory, imagination, expression and creative language usage. Students will work on plot and character development, dramatic expression, and will seek opportunities for performance in the classroom. Students are expected to exhibit a love of reading, of sharing ideas, speaking out, and writing. Literary works relative to the course will be discussed.

Modern Dance (6th-8th Grade)
This course covers the basic fundamentals of Modern Dance, incorporating the core techniques of ballet with improvisational elements. The first period consists of a dance technique class. The second period concentrates on the elements of choreography through improvisation. The study of major choreographers and dance companies will be included, together with student reports and critiques.

Theatre Arts (6th-8th Grade)
These Theatre Arts classes consist of developing the students’ basic acting tools – their voice and bodies as well as possibilities of expression. Improvisation will help students loosen up and grow comfortable in front of an audience.

Visual Arts (Drawing and Painting) (6th-8th Grade)
The Drawing and Painting course will give serious students an opportunity to develop their technical skills and explore the creative process with a wide range of materials. Different techniques and approaches will be introduced, helping the students to develop new methods of self-expression.
Arts High School Classes

**Acting (9th-12th Grade)**
Students will be partnered with other students in the class to work on scripted scenes. Through exercises and critical feedback the students will learn professional techniques to develop interesting and truthful characters in a variety of settings and situations dictated by the written script.
**THIS COURSE CAN BE TAKEN FOR COLLEGE CREDIT**
(All students may take this course. Only Juniors & Seniors can apply for college credit.)

**Creative Writing (9th-12th Grade)**
This class is designed for students who have already mastered a proficiency in writing fiction, plays or poetry. This course is an on-going writer’s workshop in a professional setting. Students are responsible for providing copies of their work to be read in class. Students are also required to contribute to the annual Arts High literary publication and to submit a portfolio of their work on the last day of the course.
**THIS COURSE CAN BE TAKEN FOR COLLEGE CREDIT**
(All students may take this course. Only Juniors & Seniors can apply for college credit.)

**Graphic Design (9th-12th Grade)**
This course is design studio course which will introduce students to basic vocabulary and fundamental understanding of the technique, concepts, and processes involved in the visual communication field of Graphic Design. Topics include a historic and contemporary examination of graphic communication, paste-up, layout, preparation of comps, roughs, and mechanicals, and an introduction to computers and design-related software.
**THIS COURSE CAN BE TAKEN FOR COLLEGE CREDIT**
(All students may take this course. Only Juniors & Seniors can apply for college credit.)

**Modern Dance (9th-12th Grade)**
This course provides development in Modern Dance through theory and practical application. It emphasizes the practice of composition skills, clarity of movement, initiation, body articulation, and dynamics of performance and focuses on the development of small group work and solos, including form and structure. Written reports must be submitted.
**THIS COURSE CAN BE TAKEN FOR COLLEGE CREDIT**
(All students may take this course. Only Juniors & Seniors can apply for college credit.)

**Visual Arts Painting & Drawing (9th-12th Grade)**
This course will focus on student painting and includes drawing, use of color, study of composition and form. Specific historical movements of 20th Century Art will be reviewed through art books and slides as reference points for the students’ own work.
**THIS COURSE CAN BE TAKEN FOR COLLEGE CREDIT**
(All students may take this course. Only Juniors & Seniors can apply for college credit.)
**Union County Arts HIGH School Application 2019-20**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Student Name: (Last, First)</th>
<th>Address 1:</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Address 2: (Apt #)</td>
<td>City: Zip Code:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Home Phone:</td>
<td>Parent Phone: □ Cell □ Work</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Student Email:</td>
<td>Parent Name:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>School Attending:</td>
<td>Grade: Are you a returning student? □ Yes □ No</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Date of Birth</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Check the artforms below that you would like to audition for. You may choose ONE or TWO artforms.

- □ Creative Writing
- □ Modern Dance
- □ Acting
- □ Visual Arts I, II & III (Painting & Drawing)
- □ Graphic Design

*PLEASE INDICATE YOUR FIRST & SECOND CHOICE BY WRITING 1 OR 2 IN THE BOX NEXT TO THE ARTFORM*

**Non-refundable Audition Fees**: $50 one artform, $70 two artforms

Apply online: [www.ArtsHigh.net](http://www.ArtsHigh.net) or mail to:

If paying by credit/debit card:

Name on card: ______________________ Card number: ______________________

Billing address: ______________________ Exp Date: __________ Sec. Code: ______

Amount: $____

**Union County Arts MIDDLE School Application 2019-20**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Student Name: (Last, First)</th>
<th>Address 1:</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Address 2: (Apt #)</td>
<td>City: Zip Code:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Home Phone:</td>
<td>Parent Phone: □ Cell □ Work</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Student Email:</td>
<td>Parent Name:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>School Attending:</td>
<td>Grade: Are you a returning student? □ Yes □ No</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Date of Birth</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Check the artforms below that you would like to audition for. You may choose ONE or TWO artforms.

- □ Creative Writing
- □ Modern Dance
- □ Visual Arts (Painting & Drawing)
- □ Theatre Arts

*PLEASE INDICATE YOUR FIRST & SECOND CHOICE BY WRITING 1 OR 2 IN THE BOX NEXT TO THE ARTFORM*
Important Information

Application Deadline: November 15, 2019
Auditions Held: Sunday, December 15, 2019

Audition Fees: $50 for ONE Artform or $70 for TWO Artforms

You can apply online at: www.ArtsHigh.net

To apply by mail, send:
1. Completed Application
2. Provide Credit Card Information or Check or money order payable to:

Arts & Education Center
154 Main Street
Suite 102
Matawan, NJ 07747

A large print version of this catalog is available online at www.ArtsHigh.net