



PVA | PERFORMING & VISUAL ARTS MAGNET PROGRAMS

HIGH SCHOOL COURSE DESCRIPTIONS: MUSIC

The PVA Magnet program is a education choice for arts students who demonstrate artistic ability, interest and potential wishing to continue building their artistic skills and gaining real-world experience in the arts. A comprehensive curriculum designed to engage students in intense instruction that emphasizes the creative process through collaborative opportunities by qualified teachers, professional artists and teaching artists. Students are able to focus their study in one of the arts majors: Creative Writing, Dance, Film & New Media, Music (guitar, instrumental, piano, or vocal), Theatre Design & Production, Theatre or Visual Arts. Upon graduation, students will be prepared to pursue a career in an arts field, or attend an arts school, conservatory or a four-year institution of higher learning.

PVA courses are only available to students enrolled in the PVA magnet programs

P64 | Honors PVA Ensemble Band 1 0.5/sem

Designed to strengthen and refine the band student's musical technique. Wind and percussion students will be immersed in a variety of intensive performing, listening, creating, and evaluating experiences. Emphasis will be placed on a rigorous development of skills, particularly the ability to perform in an ensemble and as a soloist. Students will also engage in transcribing and arranging music. Development of comprehensive literacy will be emphasized through a repertoire that is robust, varied, and representative of diverse genres and cultures. This course is available only at Broadneck High School.

P65 | Honors PVA Ensemble Band 2 0.5/sem

Designed to build on the earlier year of study to further strengthen and refine the band student's musical technique and expand their experiences in listening, creating, performing and evaluating a comprehensive repertoire of music. This course provides wind, percussion and brass students with more advanced instruction in the development of individual musical skills with emphasis on ability to perform in eclectic mixed ensemble and as a soloist in a variety of public venues. This course is available only at Broadneck High School.

P66 | Honors PVA Ensemble Band 3 0.5/sem

This course is designed to provide wind and percussion students the advanced concepts to enhance student's musical techniques and refine their skills of interpretation, expression and musicality. This course continues to prepare students and provide opportunities for performance in eclectic mixed ensemble and as a soloist in a variety of public venues while expanding the student's repertoire of various genres and cultures. This course is available only at Broadneck High School.

P67 | Honors PVA Ensemble Band 4 0.5/sem

This course is designed to refine students' musicianship building on the band instrument skills and techniques developed in previous levels. The focus is on original composition, preparing students for solo performance and audition for college and career choices. This course is available only at Broadneck High School.

P60 | Honors PVA Guitar 1 0.5/sem

Students will strengthen and refine their guitar technique, with an emphasis on acoustic guitar. Development of comprehensive musicianship will be emphasized through a wide repertoire of original guitar literature, transcriptions, and arrangements. A variety of guitar techniques will be explored through diverse musical genres and styles. This course is available only at Broadneck High School.

P61 | Honors PVA Guitar 2 0.5/sem

Designed to build upon the earlier year of study providing the guitar major with more advanced instruction in all styles of guitar performance increase the robust and extensive performance skills and opportunities for the guitar major with acoustic guitar as the primary medium. Development of advanced musicianship skills will be emphasized through a wide repertoire of original guitar literature, transcriptions, and arrangements. This course is available only at Broadneck High School.

P62 | Honors PVA Guitar 3 0.5/sem

This course is designed to expand upon the skills and techniques developed in Levels 1 and 2. The student will master the essential techniques for guitar performance in a variety of musical styles. The student will perform as a soloist, collaboratively with other guitarists and as a collaborative member of mixed vocal and instrumental ensembles. This course is available only at Broadneck High School.

P63 | Honors PVA Guitar 4 0.5/sem

This course is designed to refine students' musicianship building on the guitar skills and techniques developed in previous levels. The focus is on original composition, preparing students for solo performance and audition for college and career choices. This course is available only at Broadneck High School.

PV42 | Honors PVA Piano 1

Designed to strengthen and refine the students' keyboard/piano skills through performance based instruction that includes comprehensive experiences in reading, creating, and listening to music as well as refining their understanding of history, terms, structure and symbols. Students explore classical piano technique, style, interpretation, memorization, and performance practice in a master-class setting while playing a wide repertoire of keyboard and piano music literature as solo artist and in ensembles. This course is available only at Broadneck High School.

PV43 | Honors PVA Piano 2

Building on skills and concepts in Piano 1 students' keyboard/piano skills through performance based instruction that includes comprehensive experiences in reading, creating, and listening to music as well as refining their understanding of history, terms, structure and symbols. Students explore classical piano technique, style, interpretation, memorization, and performance practice in a master-class setting while playing a wide repertoire of keyboard and piano music literature as solo artist and in ensembles. This course is available only at Broadneck High School.

PV44 | Honors PVA Piano 3

This course emphasizes advanced performance technique, music analysis and advanced musicianship skills. Designed to hone students' piano skills while expanding their repertoire and ability to communicate to the audience. This course is available only at Broadneck High School.

PV45 | Honors PVA Piano 4

This course is designed to refine students' musicianship building on the piano skills and techniques developed in previous levels. The focus is on original composition, preparing students for solo performance and audition for college and career choices. This course is available only at Broadneck High School.

P68 | Honors PVA Ensemble Strings 1 0.5/sem

Students will strengthen and refine their musical technique by immersing themselves in a variety of intensive performing, listening, creating, and evaluating experiences. Emphasis will be placed on a rigorous development of skills, particularly the ability to perform in an ensemble and as a soloist. Students will also engage in transcribing and arranging music. Development of comprehensive literacy will be emphasized through a repertoire that is robust, varied and representative of diverse genres and cultures. This course is available only at Broadneck High School.

P69 | Honors PVA Ensemble Strings 2 0.5/sem

Designed to build on the earlier year of study to further strengthen and refine the strings student's musical technique and expand their experiences in listening, creating, performing and evaluating a comprehensive repertoire of music. This course provides violin, viola, bass and cello students with more advanced instruction in the development of individual musical skills with emphasis on ability to perform in eclectic mixed ensemble and as a soloist in a variety of public venues. This course is available only at Broadneck High School.

P70 | Honors PVA Ensemble Strings 3 0.5/sem

This course is designed to expand a student's musical technique and diversify their repertoire. An emphasis is on portfolio development and audition preparation for conservatory and/or higher education opportunities. This course provides violin, viola, bass and cello students more advanced instruction in the development of individual musical skills with emphasis on ability to analyze cross cultural musical style influences, such as jazz, rap and hip-hop, on twenty-first century cinematic scores. This course is available only at Broadneck High School.

P71 | Honors PVA Ensemble Strings 4 0.5/sem

This course is designed to refine students' musicianship building on the string instrument skills and techniques developed in previous levels. The focus is on original composition, preparing students for solo performance and audition for college and career choices. This course is available only at Broadneck High School.

P76 | Honors PVA Vocal Music Performance 1 0.5/sem

Students will strengthen and refine their musical technique by immersing themselves in a variety of intensive performing, listening, creating, and evaluating experiences. Emphasis will be placed on a rigorous development of skills, particularly the ability to perform in an ensemble and as a soloist. Students will also engage in transcribing and arranging music. Correct vocal production, diction, sight singing, and comprehensive musicianship will be emphasized through representative vocal repertoire from historical periods, musical styles and genres. This course is available only at Broadneck High School.

P77 | Honors PVA Vocal Music Performance 2 0.5/sem

Designed to continue to improve upon the students' vocal music technique. Building upon fundamentals learned in PVA Vocal Music Performance 1, vocal students will continue to evaluate, create, listen to and perform musical selections. Diverse musical styles and genres as well as historical periods will continue to be presented to expand the vocal students' repertoire. This course is available only at Broadneck High School.

P78 | Honors PVA Vocal Music Performance 3 0.5/sem

This course is designed to promote a student's individual vocal performance skills and techniques while increasing their ability to memorize repertoire from a variety of diverse music genres. Building upon fundamentals learned in PVA Vocal Music Performance 2, vocal students will continue to evaluate, create, listen to and perform musical selections. This course is available only at Broadneck High School.

P79 | Honors PVA Vocal Music Performance 4 0.5/sem

This course is designed to refine students' musicianship building on the string instrument skills and techniques developed in previous levels. The focus is on original composition, preparing students for solo performance and audition for college and career choices. This course is available only at Broadneck High School.

P29 | Honors PVA Music Technology 1 0.25/sem

Students will become familiar with the concepts, processes, materials and tools associated with music technology. Students will develop skills with sequencing, recording, and notation utilizing a variety of music software applications and programs, high-tech software, electronic instruments, and computer-based technologies. This course is available only at Broadneck High School.

P72 | Honors PVA Music Theory/Composition 1 0.25/sem

Students will develop music composition skills and will craft the students' creative processes. Compositional techniques and comprehensive musical literacy will be developed through robust and diverse repertoire. Students will use state of the art computer-based technology to design and arrange musical compositions. They will compose and share their compositions with their peers, school and community. This course is available only at Broadneck High School.

P49 | Honors PVA Music History Styles & Composition 1 0.25/sem

PVA Honors Music Historical Styles & Composition is a course designed to introduce the student to selected masterpieces of Western music throughout major style periods, Medieval through 21st Century, and to lead the student to an understanding of the relationship of music to general culture and human development. The course will provide students with visual and aural identification of stylistic elements in various musical works, and the placement of those works in cultural and historical context. This course is available only at Broadneck High School.

PV55 | Honors PVA Drum Lab 0.25/sem

PVA Honors Drum Lab is a course designed to introduce the techniques and concepts of hand drumming and percussion. In this hands-on course students will learn hand-drumming basics: proper body and hand positioning, correct drumming technique, how breath, relax, and embrace rhythms. Students will learn the basic rhythmic foundation of the world's most popular rhythms: reggae, samba, hip-hop, funk, salsa, bellydance, rock 'n roll, African 6/8 and more. The course will incorporate ENSEMBLE playing: layering multiple interlocking rhythms in traditional and contemporary arrangements (Afro-Cuban Rumba, Bembe & Iyesa, Brazilian Samba & Afoxe, West African Kuku, American Funk and more). This course is available only at Broadneck High School.
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P31 | PVA Honors Senior Capstone Solo Exhibition/Performance 1.0/sem

This required course provides the PVA senior with the support to conceive, create and produce an original individual artwork (Production, art exhibit, musical or dance performance, recitation, design exhibit, film screening). Students' work is reviewed prior to the presentation of the senior capstone project, a solo exhibition. It must contain work done predominantly during the senior year. The performance, exhibition is selected, designed and constructed by the student. Assessment is based on the development of an artistic process portfolio. This course is available only at Studio 39.

Prerequisite: *Limited to seniors in the PVA Magnet Program only. Students must also register for PVA Honors Senior Capstone: Collaborative Exhibition/Performance*

P32 | PVA Honors Senior Capstone Collaborative Exhibition/Performance 1.0/sem

This required course provides the PVA senior with the support to conceive, create and produce an original collaborative performance, artwork or exhibition (Production, art exhibit, ensemble musical or dance performance, recitation, design exhibit, film screening). Students' work review occurs throughout the course, followed by a final review prior to the presentation of the senior capstone project collaborative exhibition/performance. The capstone must contain work done predominantly during the senior year. The performance, exhibition is selected, designed and constructed by the student in collaboration with other student artists and/or professional artists or art companies. Assessment is based on the development of an artistic process portfolio. This course is available only at Studio 39.

Prerequisite: *Limited to seniors in the PVA Magnet Program only. Students must also register for PVA Senior Solo Capstone Seminar.*