

CLASS OF 2028



West Aurora Fine Arts

ART MUSIC THEATRE

ART

OPTION #1 DIGITAL ART (VA110) & VISUAL ART (VA100)

OPTION #2 INTRO TO GRAPHIC DESIGN (VA230Y)

If you enjoy making art with a variety of media (drawing, clay, photography, painting, etc) then you should take **Digital Art** and **Visual Art** during your freshman year. If you enjoy social media, designing logos, marketing, and working with businesses to sell an idea or product, then take **Intro to Graphic Design**.

Sophomore-Senior Art Courses

Ceramics and Sculpture 1 & 2, Drawing 1 & 2, Painting 1 & 2, Computer Art 1 & 2, Graphic Design Studio, Photography 1 & 2 Art in the Community, Animation, Advanced Ceramics and Sculpture, Advanced Digital Arts, Advanced Drawing and Painting AP Studio Art: 2D (H), AP Studio Art: 3D (H), AP Studio Art: Drawing/Painting (H)

MUSIC

DIGITAL MUSIC PRODUCTION 1 (FA020F) & DIGITAL MUSIC PRODUCTION 2 (FA021S)

Use professional audio recording and editing software to learn the basics of beat-making, producing, songwriting and music composition. Whether you like rap, hip-hop, rock, jazz, classic rock, or metal, these classes will help you understand how your favorite styles of music are created and how you can create them yourself.

BAND: FRESHMAN BAND (FA008Y)

Continue playing your instrument at West High! By joining West Aurora Bands, you'll play four concerts a year and have the opportunity to join the Marching Band, Pep Band, and/or one of our five jazz bands!

CHOIR: BEL CANTO CHOIR (FA003Y) OR VARSITY SINGERS (FA002Y)

Join the choir family at West High! With more than 200 students in West High Choirs, there's something for you! Continue singing at West to sharpen your skills or join the choirs to learn how to read music and sing better.

Treble voices register for **Bel Canto Choir**; Tenor and bass voices register for **Varsity Singers**.

Sophomore-Senior Music Courses

Non-Performance: Digital Music Production Studio, Music in America (Dual Credit), AP Music Theory (H)

Bands: Concert Band, Symphonic Band, Symphonic Winds, Wind Ensemble, Wind Symphony (H)

Choirs: A Cappella Choir (H), Bel Canto, Dorian Choir, Lyric Chorus, Mixed Ensemble

THEATRE

OPTION #1 THEATRE ARTS: INTRO TO ACTING (TA001Y)

OPTION #2 THEATRE TECH AND DESIGN (TA004Y)

Whether you like being in the spotlight or running the light board, our Theatre classes are for you! If you are interested in Stage Crew, set design, lighting, or audio engineering, then take **Theatre Tech and Design**. If you want to get better at acting and public speaking, then **Theatre Arts: Intro to Acting** is right for you!

Sophomore-Senior Theatre Courses

Theatre Tech and Design, Theatre Performance, Studio Theatre

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

WHAT ARE ELECTIVES?

Electives are classes that are not required. At West High, freshmen electives include Fine Arts, C.T.E, World Languages, and Social Studies.

HOW MANY ELECTIVES CAN I TAKE?

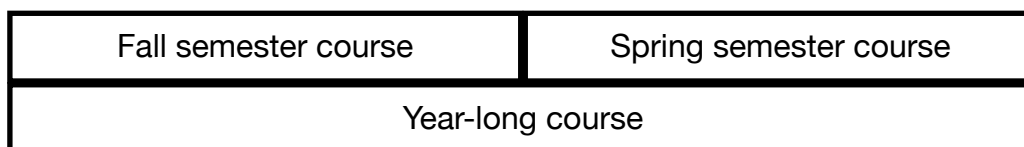
That depends on how many classes you are required to take. Typically, freshmen will have two or three elective periods...but it's possible some may only have fewer options.

CAN I TAKE TWO FINE ARTS COURSES?

Yes! As long as you have enough elective periods in your schedule, you can take multiple fine arts courses. Many of our freshmen are in band and choir, or band and art, or choir and theatre, or any of the other possible combinations. Some students elect to take required Social Studies courses over the summer to stay in Fine Arts courses during the school year; talk with your counselor if you'd like to learn more about this possibility.

WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN SEMESTER-LONG AND YEAR-LONG COURSES?

A year is two semesters long. So, two semester-long courses equal one year-long course.



WHAT ABOUT EXTRACURRICULARS?

We have four auditioned **JAZZ BANDS** (auditions are on the Wednesday before spring break). If you play piano, bass, or guitar, you don't have to be in Freshman Band to play in one of our jazz bands. For more information, email Mr. Hensel (gregory.hensel@sd129.org) or Mr. Sierakowski (jsierakowski@sd129.org). We also have one non-auditioned jazz band that starts in November. Registration for the **BLACKHAWK MARCHING BAND** will open right after spring break and registration for **PEP BAND** begins in October.

While **ACABELLES** and **MADRIGAL SINGERS** are not open to freshmen, **STUDYhall** is open to all male singers in our choral program. Email Mr. Smith (briansmith@sd129.org) if you would like to be in STUDYhall.

West High drama productions are open to all students and auditions occur throughout the year. We have four main productions each year - **FALL PLAY**, **NEWCOMERS PLAY**, **WINTER ONE ACTS**, and the **SPRING MUSICAL**. Additionally, **STAGE CREW** members are needed for all of these productions as well as many other events throughout the year. Watch for sign-up information in August.

There are many opportunities to meet up with other students who like making art. As a freshman, you can join **CLAY CLUB**, **CREATIVE MEDIA CLUB**, or **PHOTO CLUB**. If eligible, you may apply to join the **NATIONAL ART HONORS SOCIETY** as a sophomore.

CAN I EARN COLLEGE CREDIT IN THE FINE ARTS?

Yes...but not until you successfully finish freshman year. **Music in America** is offered for dual credit through Waubensee Community College. Get an arts education and earn THREE credit hours that are transfer to any Illinois state college or university...all for free!