

Dear Western Albemarle High School,

I have reviewed the requirements and would like to declare my intent to complete the requirements for the Western Albemarle High School Arts and Letters Pathway. I understand that I will meet with my counselor to discuss a four-year plan, and let my Fine Arts teacher know that I intend to complete a Pathway. I understand that this declaration of intent does not commit me to this course of study but simply declares my interest and intent and that there is no penalty for diverging from the Arts and Letters Pathway.

Print Student Name
_____(date)

Print Parent/Guardian Name
_____(date)

Student Student Signature

Parent/Guardian Signature

| Circle Pathway of Choice Below | Requirements for each discipline are outlined below |
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| Art | Art 1-3 + 2 Visual Arts electives, or 4 years of Art classes + 1 approved elective |
| Ceramics | Ceramics 1-3, + Crafts 1 in 9th or 10th grade, + 1 approved elective, or Ceramics 1-4 + Crafts 1 in 9th or 10th grade |
| Crafts | Crafts 1-3 + 2 approved electives, or Crafts 1-4 + 1 approved elective |
| Digital Imaging | Digital Imaging 1-3 + Art 1 in 9th or 10th grade, + 1 approved elective, or Digital Imaging 1-4 + 1 Art 1 |
| Photography | Photography 1-3, Art 1 in 9th or 10th grade, + 1 approved elective, or Photography 1-4 + Art 1 in 9th or 10th grade |
| Band | 4 years of Jazz Ensemble, Percussion Class, Symphonic Band, + 1 approved elective (Orchestra, Choir, Guitar, or Music Theory) |
| Orchestra | 4 years of Orchestra + 1 approved elective (Band, Choir, Guitar, or Music Theory) |
| Choral | 4 years of Choir (Concert Choir, Advanced Concert Choir) + 1 approved elective (Band, Orchestra, Guitar, Music Theory, Musical Theater, or Drama) |
| Creative Writing | Creative Writing 1-3 + 1 approved elective (Journalism, Filmmaking, Yearbook) |

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| Theatre | Drama 1-3 + 2 approved electives (Debate, Choir, Musical Theater, Technical Theater, film making, film studies, TV Production)or Drama 1-4 + 1 elective |
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Dear Parents and Students,

Thank you for your interest in our Pathways Program. In order to complete the Pathway, students will complete five Fine Arts courses, will have volunteer and internship experience within a Fine Arts profession, and thus will have begun their professional Fine Arts resume and professional portfolio.

Students involved in any of the Fine Arts Pathways should:

- Let his/her FA teacher/s know which Pathway he/she is taking.
- Participate in field trips offered through the school that relate to the discipline.
- Talk with his/her teacher/s, parents, guidance counselor, the Career and College Planning teacher, and the Gifted Resource Teacher about job shadowing and internship opportunities.
- Make sure his/her guidance counselor is aware that he/she is participating in a Pathway at the time of course registrations.
- Participate in one competition, contest or show each year, according to the specific content area guidelines.
- Look for and participate in summer opportunities in related disciplines. (Teachers are a good resource for help with this.)
- Maintain a 3.0 GPA in the FA discipline.
- Complete required paperwork and turn in paperwork to the FA teacher within designated time frames.
- Familiarize themselves with the required courses and elective choices within their discipline.

Please let your FA concentration area teacher or guidance counselor know if you have any questions.