The Mt. Diablo Unified School District is proud to recognize and honor the achievements of students who sustain a commitment to excellence in the creative arts. This document describes the program benefits of the Creative Arts Honor Roll, and contains information for school staff to administer the program.

1. CREATIVE ARTS HONOR ROLL. For high school seniors who have successfully completed THREE YEARS (i.e. in grades 9, 10, and 11) of college preparatory arts classes with an average GPA of 3.5 or above, and an overall GPA of 2.5 or above. The names of students approved for this honor are placed on the MDUSD Creative Arts Honor Roll, maintained on the MDUSD website page for Visual and Performing Arts. Students apply for the Creative Arts Honor Roll by the end of 1st Quarter of their senior year.

2. CREATIVE ARTS GRADUATION HONORS. For high school students who will successfully complete FOUR YEARS of enrollment in college preparatory arts classes with a GPA of 3.5 above, and an overall GPA of 2.5. Students approved for the Creative Arts Graduation Honor will receive an honor cord to wear at commencement ceremonies. Students must apply for Creative Arts Graduation Honors by Feb. 15th of their senior year.

CREATIVE ARTS HONOR ROLL FAQ

Q. What is the application process?
A. Seniors will fill out the Creative Arts Honor Roll Application (available from their arts teacher, or at www.mdusd.org/vapa) for each of the different levels of recognition, according to the deadlines on the form (most seniors will fill the application out twice in their senior year). They will turn the form into their current arts teacher. After each deadline the forms will be gathered by the VAPA department chairs for verification by the registrar. When completed, all forms will be sent in the pony to the Executive Director of Instructional Support (Jennifer Sachs - sachsji@mdusd.org).

Q. If a student takes two arts electives one year, or takes an arts class at DVC, will they still be eligible if they don’t take any VAPA courses the following year?
A. No, students cannot “bank” their arts electives for the purposes of this award. This honors program rewards sustained, uninterrupted participation in the fine arts disciplines at our high schools. In order to qualify for this program, students must remain enrolled in qualifying electives consecutively and continuously.

Q. Do students need to remain within the same vertically aligned program?
A. Students do not need to remain in the same program, or within any area of focus in either visual or performing arts. For example, they might take band as a freshman, choir as a sophomore, photography as a junior, and ceramics as a senior.

Q. Which MDUSD courses qualify?
A. Qualifying coursework must be UC/CSU designated “F” electives, or CTE and AP courses in Arts, Media, and Entertainment - or commensurate coursework from out-of-state high schools. Qualifying coursework must be continuous and consecutive (i.e., no semesters without being enrolled in a creative arts class). Classes taken for credit in other subject areas may not qualify. The following is a complete list of courses that can be used to satisfy this honor roll program: AP MUSIC THEORY, DANCE I 0943/8710, DANCE II 0944/8680, DANCE III 0945/8690, DRAMA 0900, DRAMA 0910, DRAMA 0920, GUITAR 4740, GUITAR 4770, CADET BAND 4680, CONCERT BAND 4690, JAZZ BAND III 4700, STAGE BAND II 4710, SYMPH. BAND III 4720, WIND ENSEMBLE II 4810, TREBLE CHOIR I 4870, MIXED CHOIR 4890, CONCERT CHOIR 4910, VOCAL ENSEMBLE 4920, MUSICAL THEATER 4930, ORCHESTRA II 4980, 3D MODELING 4201, ADV ART DESIGN 4246, ADV ART 4120, ADV CERAMICS 4270, ADV FASHION DESIGN 8110, ADV FILM STUDY 0845, ANIMATION 4435, ART DESIGN A 4241, ART DESIGN B 4242, ART DESIGN II 4200, AP ART HISTORY 2870, AP STUDIO ART 2D 4280, AP STUDIO ART 3D 4281, AP STUDIO ART DRAWING 4282, APPLIED PRINC. OF ART AND DESIGN 2801, ART I 4130, ART II 4150, ART II 4290, ART II 4160, CERAMICS I 4250, CERAMICS II 4260, INTRO TO FILM STUDY 0840/0841, MULTIMEDIA I 9122, MULTIMEDIA II 9125, MULTIMEDIA III 9126, PHOTO 7755, PHOTO ARTS I 4420, PHOTO ARTS II 7750, ROP ADVANCED PHOTOGRAPHY, ROP GAME ART DESIGN, ROP ART OF VIDEO PRODUCTION, VIDEO PRODUCTION I 9101, VIDEO PRODUCTION II 9102, VIDEO PRODUCTION III 9103