

Welcome to the Performing Arts and Communications Academy!

MHS academies are designed as learning communities that meet students' social and academic needs in a more personalized learning environment. The goal is for students to collaborate with a small support team of teachers, counselors, administrators, and other school staff to better understand themselves as learners and develop goals for their future. Academies are also designed to expose students to experiences that will engage their interest in school and education, generate ideas on post-secondary education and careers, prepare them with the skills to be successful in the 21st Century, and push them to understand the importance of their voice. In addition, academies are a focus for our work to provide a wide variety of real world experiences beyond classroom walls that provide students with the skills that are often not emphasized in traditional classroom settings but are increasingly necessary in our world.

As MHS students work towards our vision of a graduate which include the following capacities, [Capacities Link](#) we believe the work of the academies is to help students articulate their strengths in these areas.

Performing Arts Communications Academy



The PAC teachers are excited to offer students the opportunity to explore a variety of interests in the performing arts and communications realms. Students in the academy have the opportunity to work with professionals in their field: actors, singers, dancers, musicians, costume designers, cosmetologists, journalists, photographers, videographers, and editors. Our goal in PAC is to foster a community in which students can take creative risks with performances and products, effectively communicate in a variety

of contexts, express ideas in symbolic, metaphorical, and creative ways, turn ideas into reality with concrete action steps and use of available resources, and provide opportunities to grow and learn about the performing arts and communication while they develop career-ready capacities and abilities.

Core Classes:

PAC American Experience- Co-taught Social Studies / English
English, World History, and UConn Human Rights

Electives: PAC Seminar, Acting, Dance, Songwriting, Theater Arts, Hair and Makeup, Chorus, Band, Piano, Guitar, Video Production, Studio Production, Broadcast, Web Design, and Harbinger.

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