GRAFTON HIGH SCHOOL

Creative Arts & Communication Pathway

The Creative Arts and Communication Pathway allows students to participate in a unique, focused program that includes courses in language, presentation, and the arts for all four years of high school. The ultimate goal of the program is to prepare students for college and career opportunities in the Media, Fine, Visual, and Performing Arts.

To distinguish the consistent efforts of our students, and to reward those with initiative, students who complete the pathway will be recognized through the college and/or career application process that includes professional recommendation and receive additional special recognition on their transcripts and at the graduation ceremonies.

I. PATHWAY REQUIREMENTS

The following components must be achieved in order to obtain the Creative Arts & Communication Distinction:

A. Academic Requirement

- Must complete 45 elective credits with a focus on Fine Arts, Performing Arts, and Communication.
- Graduation requirements will not count towards the 45 credits.
- A minimum grade of 70 must be achieved in all classes counted towards the pathway.

B. Club Participation

- Participation in a club or activity with an arts or communication focus for at least one year. Examples include, but are not limited to, Debate Club, Chorus, Theatre, Band, Creative Writing, and Yearbook.

C. Capstone Project

- Students must engage in active research that explores a distinct aspect of arts or communication.
- The research project may be done as an independent study in the junior or senior year under the guidance of a faculty member or through a collegiate summer program.
- Please review your capstone idea with the Pathways Coordinator to ensure it will fulfill the capstone requirement.

D. Resume/Portfolio

- The resume must include all academic coursework, projects, research, and activities completed while working toward the satisfaction of this distinction.
- If your pathway is focused around Fine Arts, a portfolio can be used in place of a resume to showcase your work.

II. RECOGNITION

Each graduating senior that meets the requirements for Creative Arts & Communication Pathway will be recognized in the following ways upon his/her commencement from Grafton High school:

- A special notation will be put next to the student's name in the Commencement program;
- The student's transcript will include a notation that the student has graduated with the Creative Arts & Communication distinction.
- The student will wear, along with his/her Cap & Gown, a Creative Arts & Communication Distinction cord, which will be presented to the student at Class Awards Night.