

What content and courses are included in Fine Arts & Communications?

Visual Art

- AP Studio Art
- Drawing
- Painting
- Photography
- Graphic Design
- Ceramics
- Sculpture
- Art History

Dance

- Dance Choreography
- Dance Performance

Theater

- Theater Arts
- Technical Theater

Music

- Women's Chorus
- Men's Chorus
- Concert Choir
- Chamber Choir
- Intermediate Orchestra
- Advanced Orchestra
- Chamber Music Ensemble
- Concert Band
- Symphonic Band
- Jazz Ensemble
- Percussion Studies
- Music Theory
- Electronic Music

Communications

- Broadcast Journalism
- Student Publications
- Speech
- Debate



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Visual Art

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John Cassidy – Painting, Intro. 2 & 3D Art

Betsy Dunham – Media Arts/Photography

Becky Hope – Intro. 2 & 3D Art

Beth McKechnie – Sculpture

Barb Miller – Drawing,

Band

Bill Leather

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Christopher Paulson

Choir

Brent Holaway

Andrew Napolitan

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Communications

Jennifer Barlage – Physics

Patrick Barrier – Social Studies

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Kevin McNulty – English/PNN

Julie Ohlson – English

Mary Nicolini – English/Yearbook

Dance

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Jennifer Wolfe

Theater

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Orchestra

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FINE ARTS & COMMUNICATIONS ACADEMY OF PENN HIGH SCHOOL



Penn Fine Arts & Communications Academy provides a creative voice that inspires, challenges and questions students' creative potential.



Fine Arts & Communications Facts & Figures

The Penn Fine Arts & Communications Academy houses our Broadcast Journalism program, our newspaper (The Pennant), Yearbook, as well as numerous elective Literature and English courses. The academy also is the home of all Fine Arts Programs found at Penn. These include Visual Art (Graphic Design, Sculpture, Ceramics, Photography, Painting and Drawing), Dance, Theater, Music, (Band, Choir, Orchestra, Electronic Music and Music Theory). Twenty-seven dedicated teachers make learning fun and relevant for over 200 Fine Arts and Communication Academy Students. In addition, over 2000 students participate in at least one course within the Penn Fine Arts & Communications Academy. The Penn Fine Arts & Communications Academy boasts numerous Regional, State and National Awards in Visual Art, Speech, Debate, Theater, Band, Orchestra and Choir. The Fine Arts & Communications Academy prepares students for all diplomas and all careers.

Students in the academy prepare and present over 60 performances annually, while students in the newspaper and broadcast journalism programs prepare and present new content on a weekly basis.

Graphic Design students have built a reputation of serving our community by creating design and marketing materials for service organizations, local businesses, and school community. Our state-of-the-art facilities and curriculum, more than prepares our students as they transition to their next level of school and/or career.



Community Partnerships

The Penn Fine Arts & Communications Academy is partnering with local media and Arts organizations to give our students unique opportunities in the professional world. Currently, partnerships have been developed with the following organizations:

- The South Bend Symphony
- The Debartolo Center - University of Notre Dame
- Snite Museum - University of Notre Dame
- Conn-Selmer Incorporated
- South Bend Museum of Art
- Graphic Design & Local Businesses
- Ivy Tech Community College
- Graphic Design Internship - South Western Michigan University
- Northern Regional & National Scholastic Arts
- REAL Services
- Reigns of Life
- Mishawaka-Penn-Harris Library Spencer Gallery
- Patchwork Dance Company
- Fischhoff Chamber Music Association
- Euclid String Quartet
- Indiana University – South Bend

Why Fine Arts & Communications Academy?

The Penn Fine Arts & Communications Academy offers a multitude of courses to engage students in creativity and self-expression. From Sculpture and Ceramics to Graphic Design; from Shakespeare plays to Broadway Musicals; from Beethoven Symphonies to the music of Duke Ellington; from our newspaper and yearbook to our broadcast journalism courses, students at Penn High School have a wealth of opportunities available to them within the fine arts and communications curricula.

What does Fine Arts & Communications prepare me for after high school?

Career Clusters

Occupations

Visual Arts

- Advertising
- Animation
- Architecture
- Art Therapy
- Book/Editorial Illustrator
- Fabric Designer
- Fashion Designer
- Game Designer
- Graphic & Computer Design
- Industrial Design
- Interior & Display Design
- Medical Illustrator
- Museum Curator/Director
- Music Cover Designer
- Package Design
- Photographer
- Photo Journalist
- Publication Design
- Sculptor/Ceramicist
- Toy Designer
- Visual Effects Engineer

Theatre & Stage

- Acting
- Dance
- Technical Director
- Set & Stage Designer
- Costume Designer

Music & Engineering

- Director
- Recording Engineer
- Electronic Music Engineer
- Composer
- Conductor

Communications

- Communication Engineer
- Television Anchor
- Writer
- Journalist
- Television Producer
- Politician

Education

Secondary/Post-Secondary