



Middle Township High School

The Academy of Performing Arts

A high-quality educational program for students with a talent and interest in the performing arts.



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Diversity is Our Strength

Pursuing an Interest in the Performing Arts

The Middle Township High School Academy of Performing Arts balances a student's need for academic preparation and the exploration of their craft in one of five arts majors:

- Dance
- Vocal Music
- Instrumental Music
- Media
- Theatre

Interested students must complete an application (www.middletpw.k12.nj.us/) by mid-April to be considered for the next school year. Auditions and interviews are conducted in May at the Performing Arts Center (212 Bayberry Drive, Cape May Court House, NJ).

Upon acceptance into one of the Academy's majors, students will complete a course of study and requisite hours of practicum in their field, providing them with a greater understanding of the business of the arts, and preparing them for a college/university audition.

Dance Major

The Dance Major provides students with a foundation in techniques in ballet, modern, jazz, and hip hop genres, along with a rich dance history exploration.

Required courses include:

- Dance Technique I, II, III
- College Dance (Dual credit with Atlantic Cape Community College)
- Dance Appreciation

Students also will participate in both the Winter and Spring Showcases, and have the opportunity to tryout for the Panther Squad Dance Team, which performs at home basketball games, school events, and local competitions.

Vocal Music Major

A major in Vocal Music begins with a successful audition of a student-selected song, as well as two letters of recommendation. The program's goal is healthy singing, supportive peer interaction, and confident performance skills, all while preparing students for auditions for college and community theatre.

Required courses include:

- Elements of Music (intro to music theory, repertoire, vocal music style and structure)
- Voice 1-3
- Advanced Choir
- Music Theory

Students perform regularly in class and benefit from teacher critique and instruction, as well as peer feedback. Students are encouraged to, and do, participate in multiple vocal ensembles such as The Middletones *a cappella* group and Chamber Choir, as well as MTHS' annual musical production.

Instrumental Music Major

The Instrumental Music Major is designed to prepare students for a post-high school career in music. An entrance audition sets the foundation for the student's curricular path.

Required courses include:

- Symphonic Band (every year)
- Music Theory/Ear Training
- Piano
- Music A-Z

Students are required to participate in two ensembles each year, on their major instrument, in addition to Symphonic Band. Students also must try out for All-South Jersey and State ensembles; jazz musicians must audition for All-South Jersey Jazz Band. Students must complete a performance exam at the end of each school year to remain in the program.

Media Major

The Media Major prepares students interested in pursuing further academic studies in media, broadcasting, video production, and photography.

Required courses include:

- Video Production I (Dual credit with Atlantic Cape Community College)
- Advanced Video Production (Dual credit with Atlantic Cape Community College)
- Radio Production
- Sport Media
- Photography

Additionally, students are required to complete requisite hours of practicum in media arts to understand the business. Students have the opportunity to participate in live sports commentating, live news reporting, as well as live remote and post-videography. The students also bring live sports and school events to viewers via the internet by participating in the Panther Media Club.

Theatre Major

A major in Theatre gives interested students an opportunity to pursue an academic track in acting, stage craft, or technical theater. It prepares them for a college/university audition in the field.

Required courses include:

- Theatre Survey (Dual credit with Atlantic Cape Community College)
- Advanced Theatre
- Technical Theatre
- Acting I & II

Students also are required to complete requisite hours of practicum in performance, technical theatre, and business to better understand potential career options. Additionally, students have the option of auditioning for the MTHS fall play and spring musical, as well as joining the Drama Club and International Thespian Society (ITS).

Middle Township Academies of Study



Middle Township High School is proud to offer academy programs in multiple fields, designed to enable students to excel in a specific content area.

Our mission is to prepare students for college and career through a focused course of study, work, and eventual practicum experience, as well as through association with related national organizations.

Ultimately, students who complete their academy's course of study will graduate from Middle Township High School with a certificate of advanced standing in their area of study.