



ARTSwork ACADEMY
A Career Pathway

STUDENT HANDBOOK
2022-2023

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Welcome to the ARTSwork Academy!

Welcome to the 2022-2023 edition of the ARTSwork Academy Handbook! We are very excited about the opportunities available to you, and we are looking forward to this busy year.

As a member of the ARTSwork Academy you are part of a select group within Sheldon High School. This Academy requires from you some special efforts and commitment. Our goal as an academy is to give you an unmatched education in the arts and combine it with opportunities to participate in our diverse and active arts community in order to prepare you for life after you leave Sheldon. Please see the ARTSwork Academy Google Classroom (code = funvawd) for information, events, deadlines, and reminders.

For this Academy to work for you, you are a vital player in what happens, on and off Sheldon's campus. The ARTSwork Academy is composed of many people who want this to be a successful experience for you – your parents, our faculty, and members of the art community. You will be representing our Academy when you sit in class, volunteer in the arts community, attend a professional performance or exhibit, and a million other places. We want you to take full advantage of all the opportunities available to you, but remember that it comes with a responsibility to represent yourself, your school, your Academy, and your family well. You are, in a way, the ambassadors of our special group wherever you go.

Please take the time to read through this *ARTSwork Academy Student Handbook*. It will prove to be an excellent guide to students and parents throughout the year. Be sure to record important events on your calendar. Like we said, we plan to be busy!!

The Artswork Academy promotional theme or saying is a quote from Henri Matisse. "**Creation Begins With a Vision.**" We want to share our vision for an academy with you so that you can create your own vision for your future. Let's get started.

Mission Statement:

The mission of the ARTSwork Academy is to empower students to meet the standards of excellence which foster creative exploration of the visual and performing arts within the school and the community:

- to prepare them to be creative, critical-thinking, productive citizens who articulate ideas in various forms of communication
- to cultivate an appreciation of the role the arts play in a culturally diverse society

Vision

Our belief is that the ARTSwork Academy student shall have the maximum opportunity to accelerate academically and artistically while exploring career and curriculum options, including a community-service component. ARTSwork Academy is designed for students, who want the opportunity to explore in depth their interest in visual arts, dance, music, theatre, or an integration of the visual and performing arts. Ultimately, the arts will be infused into the total academic curricular experience.

Key Concepts

- Objective 1:** Offer coursework in a variety of visual and performing art disciplines and also provide the option of a concentrated focus in a single area of interest
- Objective 2:** Offer guest lecturers who expose students to professionals in the arts, media, and entertainment industries
- Objective 3:** Offer opportunities to experience professional performances and exhibitions throughout the region
- Objective 4:** Offer community service opportunities that enable students to interact with the arts community

ARTSwork Visual and Performing Arts Department Faculty:

Justin Bunselmeier	Performing Arts Music - Instrumental Academy Co-leader (9th grade)
Raylene deMars	Visual Art
Taleen Drolet	Performing Arts - Dance Academy Co-Leader (12th grade)
Scotty Fernandes	Visual Art - Photography
Royea Fox	Performing Arts - Theatre Academy Co-Leader (11th grade) VAPA Department Chair
Stafford Hebert	Performing Arts Music - Vocal
Craig Howard	Performing Arts - Theatre Academy Program Director
Jacob Lucca	Visual Art + Animation Academy Co-Leader (10th grade)
Dillon Nelson	Performing Arts Music - Instrumental and Vocal (Student Teacher)
Theresa Nguyen	Visual Art
Rebeca Rodriguez	Visual Art - Ceramics
Veronica Tonus	Performing Arts Music - Instrumental
Shawn Sullivan	Visual Art - Animation
Jerry Vang	Performing Arts - Dance

ARTSwork and VAPA Calendar (all events, dates, and times subject to change):

August 23 @ 6:30-8:15 PM	"Back to School Night"
August 25 @ 3:45 PM	ARTSwork Academy "Kickoff Meeting" & Welcome back Studio Theatre
September 6 @ 3:45	Theatre Fall Show AUDITIONS Studio Theatre
September 7	Theatre Fall Show TECHNICAL APPLICATIONS DUE K009 or PAC1
September TBA	ARTSwork "Games" Party Location TBA
October TBA	ARTSwork Guest Speaker Artist TBA Location TBA
October 4 @ 6:00 PM	SHS Jazz Concert Studio Theatre
October 15 @ 7:00 PM	Dancefest Performing Arts Center

October 20 @ 7:00 PM	SHS Choir Concert Performing Arts Center
October 31 @ 7:15 AM	ARTSwork Halloween Party - Costume Contest, Games, Breakfast J012
October 28 @ 6:00 PM	Advanced Theatre Halloween Show Studio Theatre
November 11-12 @ 7:00 PM November 17-19 @ 7:00 PM November 19 @ 2:00 PM	THEATREworks Fall Production <i>PETER AND THE STARCATCHER</i> Studio Theatre
November TBA	ARTSwork Thanksgiving Party Location TBA
December TBA	ARTSwork Guest Speaker Artist TBA Location TBA
December TBA	ARTSwork Holiday Party Location TBA
December 5 @ 6:00 PM	SHS Jazz Concert Studio Theatre
December 6 @ 7:00 PM	Winter Review Dance Recital Performing Arts Center
December 8 @ 7:00 PM	SHS Band and Orchestra Concert Performing Arts Center
December 13 @ 7:00 PM	SHS Choir Concert Performing Arts Center
January TBA	ARTSwork New Year's Party Location TBA
January 10 @ 6:30-8:15 PM	"Back to School Night"
January 11-20	Course Selection – Sign up for your favorite VAPA classes! Online
January 23-25 @ 3:45pm	Theatre Spring Show AUDITIONS Studio Theatre
January 25	Theatre Spring Show TECHNICAL APPLICATIONS DUE K009 or PAC1
February 17, 18	UNIVERSAL RHYTHM Dance Company Mainstage Production Performing Arts Center Theatre

February TBA	ARTSwork Guest Speaker Artist TBA Location TBA
March 6 @ 6:00 PM	SHS Jazz Concert Studio Theatre
March 7 @ 7:00 PM	SHS Choir Concert Performing Arts Center
March TBA	ARTSwork Spring Break Party Location TBA
April 7-8 @ 7:00 PM April 13-15 @ 7:00 PM April 15 @ 2:00 PM	THEATREworks Spring Production <i>FREAKY FRIDAY</i> Performing Arts Center Theatre
April TBA	ARTSwork Guest Speaker Artist TBA Location TBA
April 27	ARTS ALIVE! Art classrooms, Library, and Cafeteria
May 2 @ 6:00 PM	Theatre Awards / Advanced Theatre Children's Show Studio Theatre
May 8 @ 6:00 PM	Jazz Band Concert Studio Theatre
May 9 @ 7:00 PM	Dance Recital & Spring Showcase Performing Arts Center
May 11 @ 7:00 PM	SHS Band and Orchestra concert Performing Arts Center
May 16 @ 7:00 PM	SHS Choir Concert Performing Arts Center
May 5	Last day to have community service completed, signed off, and turned into academy advisor
May 5	SENIORS Last day to submit evidence: ARTSWORK PASSPORT
May TBA	ARTSwork End of Year Party Location TBA
May 19	Underclassmen Last day to submit evidence: ARTSWORK PASSPORT

Note: Dates and times for VAPA events are subject to change.

Membership

What are the requirements for being in the ARTSwork Academy?

ARTSwork Academy is a career pathway designed to focus students in the arts careers. Students may apply for membership in the ARTSwork Academy beginning the spring of their 8th grade year. Each Academy grade level consists of a maximum of 40 students. Students may apply for Academy membership after 8th grade if space is available and they are on track for graduating with Academy recognition. In order to be eligible, entering students must have earned the following VAPA credits:

- Rising seniors must have earned 50 VAPA credits before applying
- Rising juniors must have earned 40 VAPA credits before applying
- Rising sophomores must have earned 30 VAPA credits before applying

The application process is outlined in the application packet that is made available each winter. The application includes an essay and an orientation.

Expectations and Requirements / ARTSwork PASSPORT

Once an ARTSwork Academy member, a student is expected to maintain the following:

- Participation and attendance at meetings and events totaling 1000 points per year, which will be documented in your **ARTSwork Academy PASSPORT**
- Participation in the annual ARTS ALIVE! event
- Attend Guest Speakers, Arts events, and Performances at Sheldon and in the community, preferably experiencing ALL of the ARTS disciplines (visual arts, dance, music, theatre)
- Complete Community Service hours in the Arts
- Complete a Senior Project in the Arts
- 90% attendance in school, with no suspensions
- good citizenship

How do I document my participation in events, meetings, coursework, and community service?

You will be given a unique **PASSPORT**, in which you will find pages that outline the ARTSwork Academy expectations and requirements. As you complete Arts events, meetings, guest speakers, community service, and VAPA classes, you will provide evidence of completion to your ARTSwork Academy adviser, who will "stamp" your PASSPORT. Each stamped event is worth 100 points, except for the required ARTS ALIVE! event in April, which is worth 200 points! Once you've reached the minimum of 1,000 points for the year, you have completed your requirement for the year.

What do I get out of this?

There are many advantages to being an ARTSwork Academy student that can't be listed or even defined but a few of the ones that can are:

- Academy Cord Honors at graduation
- preferential registration for VAPA courses
- discounts to VAPA events
- invitations to special events and guest speakers (on and off campus)
- preferential sign-ups for VAPA field trips
- VAPA master classes with art professionals
- networking with Sacramento's and surrounding communities' professional artists, performers and arts agencies
- various academy social events

What happens if I mess up?

With privileges come responsibilities, so an Academy student is expected to maintain the minimum requirements of membership. A student NOT meeting the participation requirements will NOT receive an Academy Cord recognition at graduation.

Every effort will be made to assist students not meeting the Academy requirements, but ultimately it is the student's responsibility to communicate with the Academy leaders and advisers.

How do I earn my PASSPORT points?

There are several ways to earn points, from attending meetings, social events, and guest speaker events, to attending performances and other arts events at Sheldon and in the community. Events are worth 100 points each, except for ARTS ALIVE! in April, which is worth 200 points.

Meetings and Social Events:

We want to have fun! ARTSwork Academy students will meet periodically for brief meetings and events. We will also have monthly socials, in which you will be invited to attend movie nights, kickball games, holiday competitions, and "ARTSwork nights" at select Sheldon Performances!

Be sure to check the Google Classroom (turn on notifications / code = funvawd) for upcoming meetings, events, and socials!

To receive the PASSPORT stamp and 100 points for meetings and social events, you must provide the following evidence:

- you will simply sign in as your "evidence" of attendance.
- Your Adviser will Stamp your PASSPORT to guarantee your 100 points

Guest Speaker Series:

It's always great to get someone who's been "around the block" a bit to share about his or her experiences. The Academy's Guest Speaker Series will expose you to professionals in the four arts disciplines: dance, music, theater, and visual arts. In addition, it helps enlighten all students about how the various art forms relate and connect. The series will provide an opportunity for you to network and explore arts related interests and opportunities that may be outside of your immediate art or classroom focus. The events will include a brief question and answer session with the guest. Make plans early to enjoy this great experience with your fellow Academy friends and professionals in the arts!

When and where do I attend?

Check the Google Classroom for Guest Speaker information, invitations and notifications.

What do I need to do?

Hearing and meeting professionals such as these is a big deal. Your job during these events is to show up, sign in, be attentive and respectful, ask relevant questions, and take advantage of a great opportunity. You must stay the whole time so don't plan to sign in and then leave! Leaving before the end of the program will be considered an absence, and you will not receive your stamp.

To receive the PASSPORT stamp and 100 points for attending a Guest Speaker, you must provide the following evidence:

- you will simply sign in as your "evidence" of attendance.
- Your Adviser will Stamp your PASSPORT to guarantee your 100 points.

What if I miss a guest speaker?

If you miss a Guest Speaker event, you simply need to make sure you replace it by earning 100 points by attending a similar event. Remember, though, that ARTS events must be appropriate to the ARTSwork Academy expectations. For more information on what is appropriate, see the "ARTS in the REAL WORLD" section.

Arts in the Real World:

Education cannot happen just at school – it must go beyond the walls of the classroom. Attending events in the community exposes a person to the variety of artistic expression found in most communities. We want each student to broaden their awareness of the role arts play in the real world and to take advantage of what our community and surrounding communities have to offer. You need not spend a fortune – there are many low-cost or free events. With so many arts institutions moving to virtual platforms, the possibilities of Arts content is endless now. Check out the Google Classroom for possible events. Get together with other ARTSwork students to attend an event or watch party. Make a social event out of it!

The following are some guidelines of what constitutes a community arts event (for our purposes) and some expectations about submitting evidence.

What is a Community Arts Event?

- Live (or Virtual if approved by your ARTSwork Adviser) performance of music, dance, and/or theatre; you just need to provide evidence of your attendance. The **holiday performance at your church does not count.**
- Visits to art galleries or museums. The **arts and crafts sale in your community does not count.**
- An **Academy or VAPA FIELD TRIP** to a live performance, gallery, or museum would count, and would not require additional evidence.

What if I'm not sure if an event would meet my "Real World" requirements?

You might have doubts as to whether or not any event will meet your Academy requirement. If so, go to the experts! See a VAPA teacher, in that discipline, and they will make the judgment call. If your event qualifies, the teacher will approve it. Remember: Events must meet the arts curriculum focus of the Academy. In layman's terms, that means you need to ask yourself: would this be something we would see on a school field trip?

If you submit an event that does not meet the Academy's requirements, you will NOT receive a PASSPORT stamp. **You can save yourself this trouble by having events pre-approved if you are in doubt.**

What do I need to turn in?

To receive the PASSPORT stamp and 100 points, you must provide the following evidence of your attendance to your ARTSwork Academy Grade Level Adviser. Retain a ticket stub, program, brochure, etc. if possible. If you cannot attach said item(s), please have your parent or guardian write a verification statement and sign it ("I verify that my child attended such and such on date.") *For a virtual event or performance, take a photo (selfie) of you watching or attending the event.

- Take a photo (or selfie) of **YOU** at the event, perhaps with the ticket stub, program, or brochure; and upload it to the Google Classroom ARTS in the REAL WORLD "Turn it in here" Assignment.
- If your event is during an Academy or VAPA field trip, you will simply sign in as your "evidence" of attendance.
- Your Adviser will Stamp your PASSPORT to guarantee your 100 points.

DISCLAIMER: Each VAPA teacher has the right to require specific criterion with regard to attending arts events for their classes, in addition to the ARTSwork Academy requirements.

After School ARTS Program Participation:

We value your participation in our after school ARTS programs!

When an ARTSwork student works on an after school arts discipline (open studio, dance practice, play rehearsal, etc.,) they may earn up to 10 hours of work equaling 100 points in their passport.

- A Student can earn up to ONE hour per DAY (no matter how many hours they work.)
- They must stay for an entire hour to earn ONE sticker.
- They can only earn up to 10 stickers (100 points) in each arts discipline.
 - They will receive one sticker sheet to record hours
 - Each discipline will be represented by a different color sticker.
 - Visual = Red
 - Dance = Green
 - Music = Blue
 - Theatre = Yellow
 - >1 hours = 1 Sticker per day
 - 1 Sticker = 10 Points
 - 10 Stickers = 100 Points
 - 100 Points = Passport Stamp

What do I need to turn in?

To receive the PASSPORT stamp and 100 points for participating after school, you must provide the following evidence:

- Collect your sticker each time you participate after school.
- Add it to your Sticker Sheet under the appropriate discipline.
- At the end of the year, turn in your Sticker Sheet to your ARTSwork grade level adviser.
- Your Adviser will Stamp your PASSPORT to guarantee your 100 points.

Community Service in the Arts:

Community service is an excellent way to obtain professional experiences in outside arts organizations or events and gain exposure to others that share your interests for future career possibilities. The ARTSwork Academy requires that 50% of your hours of required community service be arts related. **A minimum of 10 hours must be completed in the 9th and 10th grade years and 12.5 hours during the 11th and 12th.** This is sufficient to obtain 45 of the required 90 hours by graduation. See table:

GRADE LEVEL	TOTAL HOURS	ART RELATED HOURS
9TH GRADE	20	10
10TH GRADE	20	10
11TH GRADE	25	12.5
12TH GRADE	25	12.5
TOTAL	90	45

Students are expected to volunteer at least the minimum number of hours each year even if their total at graduation exceeds 45 hours. Community service for the school year must be earned between August and April of that year. **All academy members must have all community service cards signed and turned in by May 5, 2023. Seniors will not be eligible for their academy cord at graduation if delinquent.**

We have a list of possible places to volunteer, however sites off of the academy's list may be used with academy leader's approval. Check with your advisers and other VAPA teachers to find out about community service opportunities, including contact names and phone numbers. Though it is ideal to dedicate your volunteer service to outside organizations, there are many arts-related campus events that would benefit tremendously from your time and talents. You can receive credit for doing volunteer service at these events also.

What do I need to do?

- Find out about opportunities to volunteer and then make your own arrangements for where, when and with whom. (It could even be something that you do with other ARTSwork students.)
- Bring documentation of your service time, in addition to your SHS Community Service Card, to your grade level's Academy Adviser so your hours can be recorded and your PASSPORT stamped. Seniors must have all community service completed and signed off by May 5, 2023 in order to be eligible for their Academy Cord at graduation.
- Leave your documentation with your Academy Leader and turn in your completed card to the data clerk (SHS office) before the end of the school year. (Check the Google Classroom and listen to reminders about due dates in the daily bulletin. Due dates for SHS community service requirement vary based on your grade level.)

Senior Projects in the ARTS!

ARTSwork Academy students are REQUIRED to create their Senior Projects with an ARTS-based focus. Don't forget to get your PASSPORT stamped!

Academy Courses:

Sheldon offers an impressive number of courses in the visual and performing Arts. Academy students are required to **earn a minimum of 70 credits** in the visual and performing arts.

What courses should I take?

The following courses count towards the 70 credits required for all academy students.

ARTSwork Academy: Performing Arts Strand

- Minimum of 7 courses (70 credits) for academy recognition at graduation
- 2 Performing Arts Courses must be upper level courses in the same discipline (ie. Dance, Music, Theatre Arts)
- Some courses may be repeated for credit

* 1 course of computer technology required

* 2 courses of world language required for college admission

9th grade

English	Math	Geography / Health	Performing Arts Course
PE	General Science or Applied Earth / Physical Science (Ag)	Computer Technology or World Language *	Performing Arts Course

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Choose 2 of the following **PA courses**:

Modern Jazz Dance 1
 Dance Comp/Performance 1 *@
 Theatre 1
 Children's Theatre
 Concert Band/Marching Band *
 Symphonic Band *@
 Jazz Band @
 Guitar
 Piano
 String Orchestra
 Music Theory
 AP Music Theory *
 Treble Choir
 Concert Choir
 Vocal Ensemble *@

10th grade

English	Biology or Integrated Applied Science	PE	Performing Arts Course
World History	Math	Computer Technology or World Language * (if needed)	Performing Arts Course

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Choose up to 2 of the following **PA courses**:

Modern Jazz Dance 1 or 2 *
 Dance Comp/Performance 1 or 2 *@
 Theatre 1 or 2 * or 3 *
 Children's Theatre
 Advanced Theatre Honors *@
 Advanced Children's Theatre *@
 Concert Band/Marching Band *
 Symphonic Band *@

Jazz Band @Guitar 1 or 2 *
 Piano
 String Orchestra
 Music Theory
 AP Music Theory
 Treble Choir
 Concert Choir
 Vocal Ensemble *@

11th grade

English	U.S. History	Performing Arts Course	Performing Arts Course
Math or Science	Science	Performing Arts Course	Performing Arts Course or World Language*



Modern Jazz Dance 1 or 2 * or 3 *
 Dance Comp/Perform 1, 2 or 3 *@
 Theatre 1 or 2 * or 3 *
 Children's Theatre
 Advanced Theatre Honors *@
 Advanced Children's Theatre *@
 Concert Band/Marching Band *
 Symphonic Band *@
 Jazz Band @

Guitar 1 or 2 *
 Piano
 String Orchestra
 Music Theory
 AP Music Theory
 Treble Choir
 Concert Choir
 Vocal Ensemble *@

Choose up to 4 of the following **PA Courses**:

12th grade

English	Government / Economics	Performing Arts Course	Performing Arts Course
Math	Science (if needed)	Performing Arts Course	Performing Arts Course or World Language (if needed)*



Modern Jazz Dance 1 or 2 * or 3 *
 Dance Comp/Perform 1, 2, 3 or 4 *@
 Theatre 1 or 2 * or 3 *
 Children's Theatre
 Advanced Theatre Honors *@
 Advanced Children's Theatre *@
 Concert Band/Marching Band *
 Symphonic Band *@
 Jazz Band @
 Guitar 1 or 2 *
 Piano
 String Orchestra
 Music Theory
 AP Music Theory
 Treble Choir
 Concert Choir
 Vocal Ensemble *@

Choose up to 4 of the following **PA Courses**:

* Requires prerequisite or teacher approval
 @ Requires audition or teacher approval

Many courses require a prerequisite (sometimes with a minimum grade in the previous course) and/or an audition or teacher recommendation. Refer to the EGUSD Course Catalog for specific details. Teachers in each discipline and the academy leaders can answer specific questions you may have.

ARTSwork Academy: Visual Arts Strand

- Minimum of 7 courses (70 credits) for academy recognition at graduation
- 2 Visual Arts Courses must be upper level
- Some courses may be repeated for credit

* 1 course of computer technology required
 * 2 courses of world language required for college admission

9th grade

English	Math	Geography / Health	Visual Arts Course
PE	General Science or Applied Earth / Physical Science (Ag)	Computer Technology or World Language *	Visual Arts Course

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Choose 2 of the following *VA* courses:

- Animation 1
- Art 1
- Ceramics 1
- Photography 1
- 3-D Art
- ROP: Animation

10th grade

English	Biology or Integrated Applied Science	PE	Visual Arts Course
World History	Math	Computer Technology or World Language * (if needed)	Visual Arts Course

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Choose up to 2 of the following *VA* courses:

- Animation 1
- Animation 2 w/ prerequisite
- Art 1
- Art 2 w/ Art 1 prerequisite
- Commercial Art w/ Art 1 prerequisite
- Art 3 w/ Art 1 prerequisite
- Ceramics 1
- Ceramics 2 w/ prerequisite
- Photography 1
- Photography 2 w/ prerequisite
- 3-D Art
- ROP: Animation

11th grade

English	U.S. History	<i>Visual Arts Course</i>	<i>Visual Arts Course</i>
Math or Science	Science	<i>Visual Arts Course</i>	<i>Visual Arts Course or World Language*</i>



Choose up to 4 of the following *VA Courses*:

- Animation 1
- Animation 2 w/ prerequisite
- Animation 3 w/ prerequisite
- ROP: Animation
- Art 1
- Art 2 w/ Art 1 prerequisite
- Commercial Art w/ Art 1 prerequisite
- Art 3 w/ Art 1 prerequisite
- Honors Art and A/P Studio Art
- ROP: Visual Communications
- Ceramics 1
- Ceramics 2 w/ prerequisite
- Ceramics 3 w/ prerequisite
- Photography 1
- Photography 2 w/ prerequisite
- Photography 3 w/ prerequisite
- 3-D Art

12th grade

English	Government / Economics	<i>Visual Arts Course</i>	<i>Visual Arts Course</i>
Math	Science (if needed)	<i>Visual Arts Course</i>	<i>Visual Arts Course or World Language (if needed)*</i>



Choose up to 4 of the following *VA Courses*:

- Animation 1
- Animation 2 w/ prerequisite
- Animation 3 w/ prerequisite
- Animation 4
- ROP: Animation
- Art 1
- Art 2 w/ Art 1 prerequisite
- Commercial Art w/ Art 1 prerequisite
- Art 3 w/ Art 1 prerequisite
- Honors Art and A/P Studio Art
- ROP: Visual Communications
- Ceramics 1
- Ceramics 2 w/ prerequisite
- Ceramics 3 w/ prerequisite
- Ceramics 4 w/ prerequisite
- Photography 1
- Photography 2 w/ prerequisite
- Photography 3 w/ prerequisite
- Photography 4 w/ prerequisite
- 3-D Art

Many courses require a prerequisite (sometimes with a minimum grade in the previous course) and/or an audition or teacher recommendation. Refer to the EGUSD Course Catalog for specific details. Teachers in each discipline and the academy leaders can answer specific questions you may have.

What do I do at registration?

During the early spring term, students pre-register for the courses they will take the upcoming year. During pre-registration, academy representatives will be available to assist you in registering for the correct classes and answer any questions. Be sure to take advantage of the online registration. The only way you can get preferential registration for VAPA courses is by actually registering by the specified times.

Communication

We want you to keep up to date on what's going on in the Academy but Sheldon High is a very big place and there are over a hundred students in just our Academy. Here are some of the ways to stay in touch:

- **Google Classroom** – All announcements, events, meetings, guest speakers, forms, and other important dates will be posted on the ARTS Academy Google Classroom. *Please turn on your notifications, and check the page periodically for updates and requirements.* **Google Classroom code = funvawd**
- **Handbook** – It has lots of basic but important information you will need throughout the year. The ARTSwork Academy Handbook will be posted on Google Classroom and on the Sheldon Huskies website.
- **SYNERGY** – Contact your adviser through Synergy email vs. private messages in Google Classroom for quicker response time. Your adviser may choose to contact your ARTSwork Academy grade level using Synergy email.
- **BAND** - see your adviser for the QR code to join.

Ultimately, we can do all kinds of things to keep you informed but you have to help us out and be responsible in obtaining information. Use the resources – don't just toss out newsletters and handbooks. You won't know what's out there if you don't keep in touch.

PASSPORT Deadline

When do I need to have my annual PASSPORT stamped and completed?

Events should be evidenced and PASSPORT stamped within two weeks following the event. No one will be reminding you to take care of this detail before it's due – that's all up to you. If you wait until the last minute, then the last day you can turn in your completed PASSPORT and get your required participation credit is:

- May 5, 2023 for Seniors.
- May 19, 2023 for Juniors, Sophomores, and Freshmen.
- **NO EXCEPTIONS!!**

Pay attention to what you have to do and when it has to be done! It would be a shame to lose your ARTSwork Academy membership just because you forgot to turn in your evidence and get your PASSPORT stamped.

When do seniors have to have everything done?

In order to get everything ready for graduation and Senior Awards Night, seniors have earlier deadlines than the underclassmen. Seniors must have all documentation for community service and PASSPORT completed by May 5, 2023. At that time, we will be double checking participation and grade averages. Seniors with deficiencies will not receive an Academy Cord at Senior Awards night.

ARTSwork Academy Cord Honors

Students who participate in the ARTSwork Academy may receive special recognition at graduation by being awarded an "academy cord". In order to receive the cord, students must meet the following criteria:

- All requirements must be documented in the ARTSwork PASSPORT
- 1000 points earned for attendance in meetings, social events, guest speakers, and arts events and performances.
- 70 credits of VAPA courses
- 45 hours of community service in the arts
- Completion of a Senior Project in the arts

Important Names and Numbers:

To make things easier, we have divided the Academy members based on grade level among the leaders. Each of the 4 leaders has taken responsibility for a single class but all are still available to everyone. Here are some of the names and contact numbers of people you may need to get in touch with concerning the Academy:

Justin Bunselmeier ARTSwork Academy Leader (class of 2026)

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RM# M009

Royea Fox ARTSwork Academy Leader (class of 2024)

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VM # 43833

Rm # PAC1

Jacob Lucca ARTSwork Academy Leader (class of 2025)

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VM# 43645 / 43668

RM# E02 / J001 (3rd period only)

Craig Howard ARTSwork Program Director

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VM# 43842

RM# K009/Studio Theatre

Danielle Lucas SHS Counselor, College, and Career Technician

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RM# Counseling and Career Center

Note: The Academy Leaders have full teaching schedules with varying prep periods. Remember when you stop by their rooms that they have classes full of students also needing their attention. All 4 Academy Leaders have 2nd lunch. We want to be accessible but everyone has to be realistic. When you stop by an Academy Leader's room don't be put off if they ask you to come back at a later time – they want to give you the attention you need and deserve without distraction. Making an appointment might be the best thing to do. **And don't forget, SYNERGY or EMAIL or GOOGLE CLASSROOM is great for quick answers to questions.**