

## **Seal of Arts Excellence**

The staff and administration at Mercer County Senior High School shall develop, maintain and adopt a recognition program for the Seal of Arts Excellence for the purpose of honoring students that excel in the prescribed areas of Art Education. At the high school level, students may choose to specialize in one or more art forms to earn a local Seal of Arts Excellence. The standards for Visual and Performing Arts incorporate the five arts disciplines of dance, media art, music, theatre and visual art. Such specialization will enable students to study an art form in an in-depth manner, and work toward achieving an advanced demonstration in creating, performing/producing/presenting, responding and connecting to their chosen art form as established by the KAS for Visual and Performing Arts. Students who choose to specialize in an art form will participate in performance-based arts courses designed to develop skills and understanding that will enable them to use the art form as a high-level communication tool. This is accomplished through the development of skills in the students' chosen processes that artists engage in to make the arts.

### **Terms**

A committee consisting of administrators, teachers, and community members will develop criteria for successful completion of the program. A rubric shall be developed and maintained for the committee to use in grading student submissions.

### **Honors/Timelines**

Students will be honored at graduation, at awards banquets and on their diplomas. Students may begin working toward this seal in their 9<sup>th</sup> grade year and will submit a portfolio upon completion in the spring semester of their senior year.

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