

Current Wakefield High School Fine Arts:

Mr. Paul Orsett: [Theatre](#)

Ms. Dawn Valentino & Ms. Sara King: Visual Art

Ms. Shannon Proctor Nystrom: [Dance](#)

Mr. John Phillip Mullinax: [Chorus](#)

Mr. Brian Muñoz: [Band](#) & Orchestra

The easiest way to get further clarification or answers to the information below is to have the parent/student contact the appropriate teacher above. The biggest mistake a student can make is to not sign up for an arts class when they wish to take one. We can work with students to make sure they get in the correct period/level, but only if they are already enrolled in an arts class.

Information for 9th Grade Registration

Theatre:

- If the student has completed at least 1 course in theatre (with a B or higher) at the middle school level, they can sign up for Theatre II.
- If the student has never taken theatre or has not completed a theatre course (as described above) in middle school, they should be placed in Theatre I.
- Theatre I is an overview of all aspects of theatre. It is not acting intense. This includes vocabulary, history, and an introduction to a theatre production.
- Students who have extensive out of school experience (that is verified) are eligible to take Theatre II.

Tech Theatre:

- Is a survey course in all aspects of technical theatre:
 - o Building
 - o Make-up
 - o Costumes
 - o Stage Management
 - o Props
 - o Sound
 - o Lighting
- This is mostly instructional. Students must learn and participate in all aspects
- Any student interested in Tech Theatre as a freshman, must sign up for Tech Theatre I.

Visual Art:

- Beginning Visual Art: All students, no matter what experience, must sign up for this course
- For spring semester (if they wish to take both semesters), their options are Intermediate Drawing or Intermediate Art

Dance:

- All freshmen must sign up for Dance I. If they wish to pursue a higher level class (as described below), they should still register for Dance I since auditions occur after the registration phase. The dance teacher will work with counselors after auditions to make sure the student is placed in the appropriate level.
- If they are interested in moving to a higher level or trying out for Dance Team, they will need to contact Ms. Proctor for audition dates. These dates are typically at the end of April and the beginning of May.
- Audition dates will also be posted on the Dance website. This includes both studio dance classes as well as the dance team.
- There are rehearsals and performances outside of class. There are also fees related to the purchase of costumes and potentially other materials (if you make the dance team).

Chorus:

- There is only one section of chorus offered in the fall. Student can choose to participate in academic or honors.
- To receive honors credit, there are more extracurricular performances/events in addition to classwork.
- They can sign up for either one or both semesters.

Orchestra

- One period of orchestra is offered in the fall and spring semesters. This is a mixed level class for musicians with prior experience.
- Freshmen should sign up for both semesters. Typically, freshmen register for Orchestra II.
- Mr. Muñoz requires a simple audition. He visits different schools in the area during the spring semester to help students with this process. If the student moves to Raleigh, a reference letter from the middle school music teacher is required. Mr. Muñoz will work with the family to make sure this process happens.
- If a student is interested in joining orchestra (violin, viola, or cello) as a beginner, they must contact Mr. Muñoz for a parent/student conference. Beginners have been accepted into the orchestra class before, but spaces are extremely limited.

Band

- Any student who wishes to participate in Marching Band must sign up for the 4th period class in the fall semester. This is a level III honors class. This group starts rehearsing in the spring of the current school year. They have a camp in June, July, and August. They have substantial after school and weekend rehearsals as well as performances for events and competitions. There is also a fee (called fair share) that is part of this curriculum to cover equipment, travel, food, etc. fees.
- There is also a Concert Band class. Students must have prior experience to join this class. All freshmen should sign up for Band II. All students must provide a brief audition.
- There will be a beginning band offered in the spring. This class is for true beginners. Either no band or no music experience. Students will be able to choose flute, clarinet, trombone or trumpet. Further instruments will be available after they have completed this level class.
- Students should sign up for band both semesters.