

VPA ACADEMY PRESENTATION

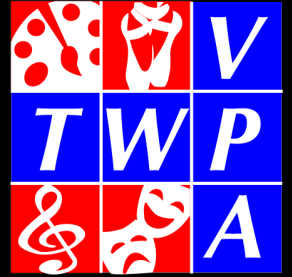
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MISSION STATEMENT



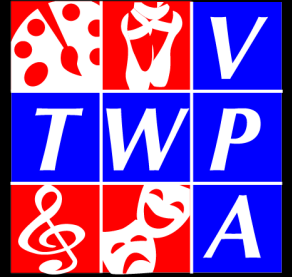
- **The mission of the WTPS Visual & Performing Arts Academy is to provide all students with opportunities to engage in a variety of aesthetic and academic experiences that encourage creativity, innovation, and collaboration.**
- **Why?**
 - **Real-world experiences where students can create, perform, respond and connect**
 - **Majority of the infrastructure already in place to bring this together**

COMPONENTS



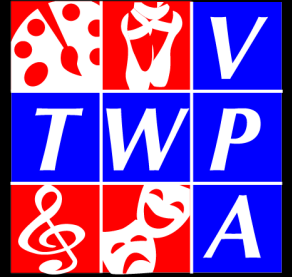
- 1. Carry a regular academic load with a special focus on their academy specialization/elective(s):**
 - Music (Band, Chorus, Orchestra)
 - Dance
 - Theatre
 - Visual Art
- 2. Involvement in related co-curricular offerings**
- 3. Involvement in related community activities (i.e. “academy points”, internships)**

ANTICIPATED TIMELINE



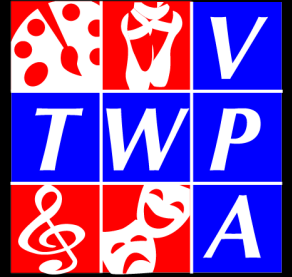
- **23-24 (Planning Year)**
 - Develop, train, market for implementation in '24-'25
 - Audition for first co-hort this Winter
- **24-25 (Year 1)**
 - Implement first co-hort (*freshmen c/o '28 and sophomores c/o '27*)
- **25-26 (Year 2)**
 - Classes of '27, '28 and '29
- **26-27 (Year 3)**
 - Class of '27 graduates with partial* academy designation
- **27-28 (Year 4)**
 - Full academy implementation in all grade levels 9-12
 - Class of '28 graduates with full academy designation

PLANNING YEAR



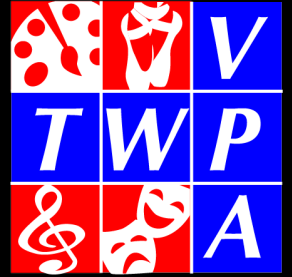
- **Utilize PD time to develop the program with certificated teachers**
 - **Site visits to other districts**
 - **Presentations/PD from schools & staff already doing this**
 - **Development of the TWP VPA Academy procedures**
- **Train all VPA staff district wide to market program and involve in the application/audition process of our students**
- **Recruit/audition first co-hort of students**

DISTRICTS RESEARCHED



- **Freehold Regional (Monmouth County magnet)**
- **Morris Knolls (Morris County magnet)**
- **Greater Egg Harbor Regional**
- **Piscataway**
- **Hopewell Valley**
- **Northern Valley Regional**
- **Raritan**
- **Paterson**
- **Deptford**

OVERARCHING GOALS



- Provide real-world experiences
- Develop career readiness
- Partner with the community
 - RBPAC, IATSE, local businesses, community theatres
- Deliver to our students a targeted and purposeful program designed to give them a sense of belonging in a supportive environment