



Fine Arts Distinction

“The arts have been an inseparable part of the human journey; indeed, we depend on the arts to carry us toward the fullness of our humanity.”

—NATIONAL STANDARDS FOR ARTS EDUCATION

The Fine Arts Distinction at North Cross School is designed to foster a life-long love of the arts in its students and to promote serious study and high-level accomplishment. Through coursework, outside-of-school activities and experiences, along with real-world exhibits and performances, students work to hone their craft, whether in the studio or on stage. Students who successfully complete the program requirements will earn a Fine Arts Distinction on their transcript and receive a special diploma upon graduation.



GOALS OF THE PROGRAM

1. To **inspire** students to become immersed in a field of art, music, or theater.
2. To **strive** toward the highest levels of skill, achievement, and creativity in art, design, music, and theater through continual practice, performance, and reflection.
3. To **encourage** students to seek interconnectedness between the arts and other disciplines.
4. To **promote** endeavors in the fine arts, whether or not in pursuit of an arts-related field in the future.
5. To **honor** students who have dedicated their talents to the development of the fine arts at North Cross School.

REQUIREMENTS

Students must earn at least 500 points between ninth and twelfth grade to receive the distinction at graduation. Coursework, activities related to fine arts initiatives, and outside seminars and performances all count toward this goal.

Among the points earned for completing certain elective activities, there are four additional required elements: summer reading; an arts-related DeHart Project; the completion of a senior performance or show; and a comprehensive program self-evaluation.

For more information and program requirements, email Amy Jackson, Fine Arts Department Chair at ajackson@northcross.org.