

Half Hollow Hills Music Conservatory

Half Hollow Hills Music Conservatory is a district-sponsored program designed to recognize student commitment and achievement in musical performance and/or musical composition. The program includes academic, leadership and performance-based components connected to our music curriculum.

The Conservatory will allow students the opportunity for and provide the skills necessary in preparing for a career in music and/or in entering a music college or conservatory. Through a rigorous and disciplined focus, students will participate in musical activities in performance and/or composition, self-reflection, historical context and multiculturalism.

Graduates are prepared to begin an advanced degree in a competitive college environment. Students who choose to participate in the Music Conservatory will receive a strong foundation in musical concepts, and the skills necessary to move forward as independent, responsible, and self-directed learners. Students will gain the confidence needed to develop repertoire, take risks, and turn challenges into numerous possibilities for their future career choices.

Upon completion of the corresponding program requirements, students' transcripts will indicate a Distinction in Music or Advanced Distinction in Music. **The appropriate club advisors and your guidance counselor must sign the "Transcript Designation" application form, and the completed form must be submitted to your primary music teacher by May 1st.**

Program overview:

Distinction in Music

- ❖ 4 Music credits
- ❖ Overall average: 85% minimum
- ❖ 2 years of NYSSMA Level 6 Solo or Guitar/Piano Solo Ratings: One 6A rating and one 6A+
- ❖ Active member in good standing, including senior year, with outstanding attendance, of the Tri-M Music Honor Society (one-year minimum)
- ❖ Active member in good standing, for a minimum of **two** full years, including senior year, with outstanding attendance, in any **one** of the following: Jazz Band, Cross-Campus Chamber Choir, Cross-Campus Chamber Orchestra, Cross-Campus Wind Ensemble, Blue Notes/Vocal Jazz Ensemble, Spring Musical Pit Orchestra

Advanced Distinction in Music

- ❖ 5 Music credits
- ❖ Overall average: 85% minimum
- ❖ Receive a NYSSMA Solo Rating of All-State 6A+ for **two** years (Guitar/Piano students included)

- ❖ Active member in good standing, including senior year, with outstanding attendance, of the Tri-M Music Honor Society (two-year minimum)
- ❖ Active member in good standing, including senior year, with outstanding attendance, for a minimum of two (2) full years in any **auditioned ensemble**: Jazz Band, Cross-Campus Chamber Choir, Cross-Campus Chamber Orchestra, Cross-Campus Wind Ensemble, Blue Notes Ensemble
- ❖ Performance of a senior recital. Students seeking the Advanced Distinction will **present repertoire to the Music Conservatory committee for approval.**