

Visual & Performing Arts

VPA CERTIFICATE/DIPLOMA PROGRAM

École Alpha Secondary School is now offering a VPA Certificate/Diploma Program for students that have shown dedication to the Arts. Specific requirements are available from your VPA teacher.

DRAMA COURSES



DRAMA 8

This introductory course provides students with opportunities to experience, understand, and value the language and art of both drama and dance. The Drama portion of the course will encourage students to trust themselves and others while learning the fundamentals of theatre and the elements of basic acting. Students will explore the elements of drama through warm up games, improvisation, and role-playing. As well, students will learn the general rules of the stage, such as staging, blocking, voice, gestures and movement. In the Dance portion of the course, students will explore movement; build rhythm, strength, co-ordination and flexibility through daily warm-ups, exercises and combinations. Through dance, students will reflect on experiences and explore creative expression while being introduced to dance vocabulary, as well as techniques from different styles of dance, such as hip-hop, jazz, tap, etc.

DRAMA 9

Drama 9 develops student's knowledge, skills and experiences in drama with projects, group activities and games and script work. Through performance opportunities and basic script work, students increase personal development and communication skills. This fun class is open for both new and returning drama students.

DRAMA 10

This course is a creative dramatics course with an emphasis on personal and social development, concentration, trust and cooperation. We will study some of the basic techniques of improvisation and role-playing to create theatre. As well, we will cover the general rules of the stage, such as staging and blocking, voice, gestures and movement. We use a variety of techniques such as theatre games, improvisation, role-playing, storytelling, description, observation and critique. This course will cover the fundamentals of theatre, the elements of basic acting as well as preparing roles through simple character development. We will do some script work but mostly group and ensemble work.

THEATRE PRODUCTION 10/11/12 (*Offered as a 9th course after school*)

This course will be offered outside the regular timetable. Students enrolled in this course will take part in major productions at Alpha Secondary, which will be performed for students and public audiences. Students will also study stagecraft and production skills, attaining knowledge in lights, costumes, sound, and set. No experience or prerequisite necessary: hard work and commitment is all it takes. Classes will run 2 or 3 days after school, involve show rehearsals, and performance evenings.

THEATRE PERFORMANCE 11/12: ACTING

This course continues with improvisation and learning stage blocking, voice projection, movement etc., but also shifts from role playing and improvisational exploration to a greater emphasis on the art of acting and tools and techniques of basic technical theatre. You will work with scripts and study some technical aspects of theatre. Personal awareness and self-discipline play an important role in this course.

THEATRE PERFORMANCE 11/12: DIRECTING & SCRIPT DEVELOPMENT

Students enrolled in this class will be responsible for the selection and direction of scenes and short one act plays. They will participate in an acting class in a performance capacity. Students will also take a leadership role in devising and editing scripts, auditioning, casting and rehearsing actors, and contributing to the design of sound, costume, lights and sets for class productions.