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**Distinguished Scholars
Visual Arts**

Four-Year Academy

Graduation Requirements	9th Grade	Credits	10th Grade	Credits	11th Grade	Credits	12th Grade	Credits	Y 13
English (x4 credits)	Honors English 9	1	Honors English 10	1	AP English Language	1	AP English Literature	1	
Math (x3 credits)	Must take 1.0 math 9th gr year as recommended by facilitator & math teacher	1	Must take 1.0 math 10th gr year as recommended by facilitator & math teacher	1	Must take 1.0 math 11th gr year as recommended by facilitator & math teacher	1	Must take 1.0 math 12th gr year as recommended by facilitator & math teacher	1	
Science (x3 credits) (1 Life; 1 Physical; 1 Elective)	Biology OR Honors Biology	1	Chemistry OR Honors Chemistry	1	Must take 1.0 science 11th gr year as recommended by facilitator & science teacher.	1+	Recommended: College-bound students should enroll in science all four yeras as recommended by facilitator & science teacher	2	
Social Studies (x3 credits) (1 World; 1 US; 0.5 Govt; 0.5 elective)	World History OR Honors World History	1	Students fulfill .5 Social Studies graduation requirement through Four-Year Academy Coursework.	.5	US History OR AP US History	1	US Govt OR AP US Govt	.5	
Communications (0.5 credit)	All Academy Capstone Courses will fulfill the Communications Requirement								Y 14
Financial Literacy: (0.5 credit)	Financial Literacy								
Fine/Performing Arts (1 credit)	Required: Drawing I PLUS 3 Other Art Classes including AP Studio Art								
Health: (0.5 credit)	Health Education <i>Optional</i> : Health may be taken online through eAcademy if space is needed in student’s schedule.								
Language Applications: (1.0 credit)	Student Choice - Any year(s) 1+ College-bound students should enroll in 2 years of the same World Language.								
Life Studies: (0.5 credit)	Using the PPG - Identify courses that fulfill this requirement								
Physical Education (0.5 credit)	PE Concepts OR Cheer/Dance Team OR Strength & Conditioning	.5	<i>Optional</i> : P.E. Concepts may be taken online through eAcademy if space is needed in student’s schedule. This can be scheduled during the summer - grades 10-12 only. <i>Other online classes are available at eacademy.olatheschools.com</i>						
STEM (1.0 credit)	Students fulfill STEM graduation requirement through Four-Year Academy Courses								
Individual Focus (5.5 credits) 4-Year Academy Coursework	DS Freshman Cross Cultural Expeditions	1	DS Symposium VA (10)	1	DS Symposium VA (11)	1	Distinguished Scholars Senior Capstone	1	
Total Credits: (24 total needed for graduation)	9th grade total:	7	10th grade total:	7	11th grade total:	7	12th grade total:	3+	
NOTE: Credits beyond requirements in any category will fall under individual focus.									
Students may earn an endorsement on their transcript for completing all Academy requirements, including successful completion of coursework, outside-the-classroom learning opportunities, field experiences, and capstone projects. Refer to the Academy’s Endorsement Requirements provided by facilitator or found on the web at olatheschools.org/careerpathways									

Graduating Class of 2028 and Beyond



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Olathe North High School

WHO WE ARE:

Exceptionally creative and motivated art students willing to think outside the box. Distinguished Scholars Visual Art students push themselves to communicate their creativity in all forms of art and media.

WHAT WE DO:

- Explore expanded art opportunities and materials exploration beyond regular fine art coursework
- Develop an advanced portfolio of artwork covering sophomore through senior years
- Use personal studio space designed to foster creativity and independent exploration
- Solve advanced artistic challenges using creative problem-solving techniques
- Participate in professionally taught summer art workshops/ classes paid for by the program
- Learn from guest artists
- Participate in community art opportunities and create art for public spaces