

# MIDDLETOWN AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: COMMUNITY

TITLE: CAPITAL AREA SCHOOL FOR THE ARTS

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912.2. CAPITAL AREA SCHOOL FOR THE ARTS	
1. Purpose	The Board of Education recognizes the need to provide the opportunity for qualified students to pursue studies in the area of "arts education". This opportunity is available through locally operated arts programs traditionally referred to as CASA Schools. Such programs may be operated in partnership with local school districts, higher education institutions, and/or community-operated groups.
2. Definitions	Students can explore the area of art, mass communications, music, theatre, and dance. These programs provide the student with an opportunity to develop their talents without limiting their nonarts career options.
3. Guidelines	<p>The application procedure will coincide with the high school scheduling process with a final deadline of April 30th. Attendance will be limited to a total of eight (8) interested juniors or seniors who shall apply to CASA through the high school guidance department. The school district may increase the total number of student attendance slots on a year-to-year basis as deemed appropriate by the School Board. To be eligible to apply for admission, students must meet the criteria established in conjunction with the Board, the Superintendent, and the district's Arts Magnet Review Committee.</p> <p>A student electing to enter the Capital Area School for the Arts in his/her junior or senior year must be able to complete the necessary credits for graduation with his/her class.</p> <p>A student's application will be evaluated by a committee consisting of the high school principal, a guidance counselor, a teacher from the fine arts department, and the Superintendent or designee. A written recommendation either approving or refusing the student's request for participation in the CASA program will be sent to the Superintendent by the committee. The student and student's parent/guardian will be notified of the decision by the Superintendent or designee. Approved applications will be forwarded to the Arts Magnet School for further screening and acceptance or rejection.</p>

The Middletown Area School District will pay fifty percent (50%) of the tuition effective the 2011-2012 school year. The student or parent/guardian is responsible for the remaining fifty percent (50%) of the tuition in addition to tools or materials per course requirements. Tuition and material fees may vary based on information provided by the Capital Area Intermediate Unit and the Capital Area School for the Arts.

Students who are currently enrolled in CASA for the 2010-2011 school year will be grandfathered for the 2011-2012 school year and will have 100% of their tuition paid by the Middletown Area School District. The student or parent/guardian is responsible for costs for any tools or materials per course requirements.

Since participation in the CASA is voluntary, transportation is the sole responsibility of the student and/or his/her parent/guardian.

The Middletown Area School District reserves the right to deny, accept or withdraw any student in this program based on ability to complete graduation credit requirements, academic success, and attendance, or behavior during the student's high school years.

This policy shall be reviewed and/or updated on a periodic basis.

References:

Board Policy – 912