NYS CTE Model Program

In addition to identifying New York State model programs that have earned CTE Approved Program status, the CTE Technical Assistance Center of NY (CTE TAC) also recognizes as models other CTE programs that provide exceptional educational and career preparation opportunities to students. The New Visions: Visual Arts and Performing Arts program at Questar III BOCES is one example.

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The New Visions: Visual & Performing Arts program provides students with opportunities to explore a wide array of careers in the visual and performing arts. Based at The Arts Center of the Capital Region in historic downtown Troy, this unique program blends an integrated curriculum in college-level English, music, art, theatre, and film studies with hands-on experiences in a creative academic environment. Students participate in both workshops and classroom instruction. Furthermore, they gain valuable insight into career options by working directly with local visual and performing artists and through visiting art galleries and attending live theater productions.

Graduates of New Visions: Visual & Performing Arts have been accepted to many competitive arts and liberal arts colleges, including NYU Tisch School of the Arts, Pratt Institute, Emerson College, American Musical and Dramatic Academy, Syracuse University, Ithaca College, Rhode Island School of Design, SUNY Purchase, Eugene Lang College of Liberal Arts, and Parsons School of Design.

SCHOOL NAME: Questar III BOCES
PROGRAM: New Visions: Visual & Performing Arts program
LOCATION: Troy, NY
ENROLLMENT: 18

SUCCESS DATA:
100% of students in program graduating from high school
100% of students accepted into two-or four-year colleges
100% of students passing 5 Regents exams or 4 Regents exams and an approved substitute exam

PROGRAM TEAM:
Peg Danner-Frank, Instructor
Kim Sparkman, CTE Coordinator
Danielle Bouton-Wales, CTE Director
KEY PROJECTS

Students conceptualize and compose professional quality work in a variety of media—from recording a CD to writing, directing, and filming a movie using state-of-the-art editing equipment. Each spring, students showcase their artwork in the Student/Faculty Gallery at The Arts Center and write and perform a theatre production. Additionally, New Visions: Visual & Performing Arts gives students the opportunity to develop a portfolio and/or prepare the audition materials needed to apply to a college arts program.

ARTICULATION AGREEMENTS:

Students in the program can receive college credits in association with Russell Sage College and Hudson Valley Community College.

BUSINESS/COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS:

The Visual & Performing Arts program benefits from relationships with many local professionals in the field including musicians, actors, photographers, poets, dancers, potters, filmmakers, jewelry designers, theatre managers, illustrators, gallery directors, art and music therapists, stage managers, authors, and makeup artists. Community partners include:

- Albany Institute of History and Art
- Albany International Airport Gallery
- Blue Sky Music Studio
- Capital Repertory Theatre
- Clement Frame Shop & Art Gallery
- Equal Vision Records
- Fulton Street Gallery
- Hudson Valley Improv
- Rensselaer County Historical Society
- The Egg
- The Times Union
- Theatre Institute at Sage
- WRGB – TV 6

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