

# History

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**GPA in History Classes  
3.75 or above**

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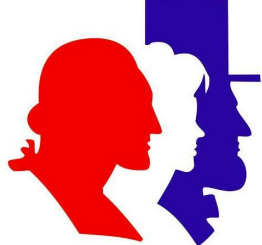
**Overall GPA: 3.5 or above**

## **Requirements:**

**Do any two of the following:**

- a. DAR Good Citizenship**
- b. George and Stella Knight Essay Contest**
- c. National Essay Contest**
- d. Profile in Courage Project**
- e. Project Citizen**
- f. National History Day**

**Report to History Department Chair Ms. Allen by May 1st of  
the year you graduate.**



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# Science



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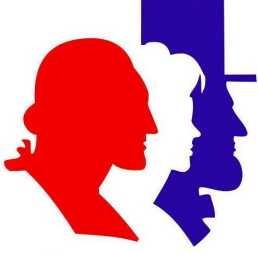
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**Requirements:**

**-During senior year, complete 10 hours of unpaid tutoring.**

**-Read & discuss a book from the approved list with your distinction advisor. Write a 1000-word paper on the book.**

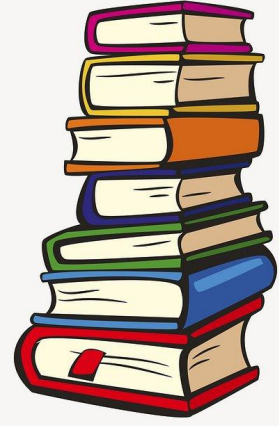
**Report to Science Department Chair Mrs. Hilsinger by May 1st of the year you graduate.**



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# English



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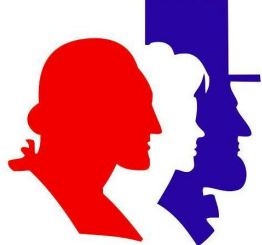
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**Overall GPA: 3.5 or above**

## **Requirements:**

- Read at least 10 books from the Heritage Academy Classics list - including a Shakespeare play. (Not Read in Class)**
- Set up time to discuss the books with any of the English Faculty.**
- Submit a final list of all books you have read. You will have a final discussion with the English distinction advisor.**

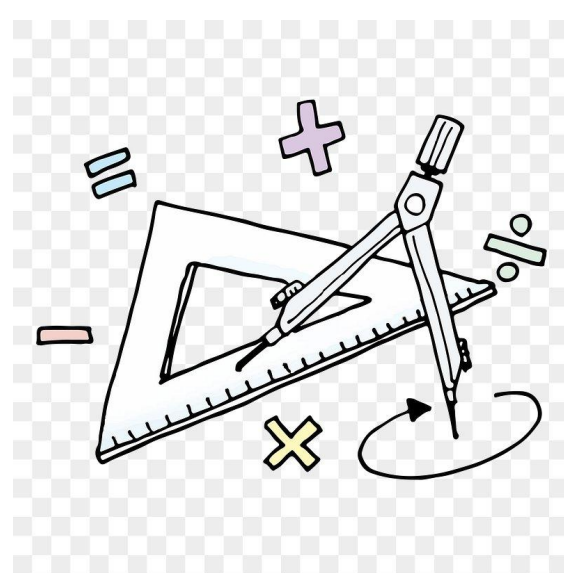
**Report to English Department Chair Mrs. Andres by May 1st  
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# Math



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**Overall GPA: 3.5 or above**

**Requirements:**

- Take MAT187 Precalculus and/or MAT 220 Calculus**
- Read an approved Mathematics book from an approved list or create a short presentation on a Precalculus topic to share with a Math teacher.**
- Complete 10 hours of unpaid peer tutoring (must be reported to and recorded by a Heritage Math teacher).**

**The deadline to complete these requirements is May 1st of the year you graduate. Please ensure you've discussed this with Mrs. Steelman much earlier in your senior year.**



# Spanish

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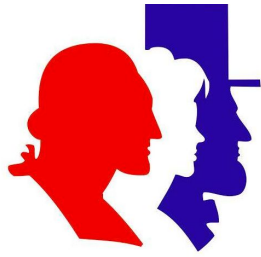
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**Overall GPA: 3.5 or above**

**Requirements: -Must complete three years of Spanish and complete two of the following**

- Historical: Write a 5-page double-spaced research paper using MLA style. Your paper should research one of the following individuals who have had a significant impact on the history of their respective Spanish-speaking nations.**
- Art: Prepare a 5-minute presentation in Spanish on some art form (painting/sculpture, music). You may choose to focus on a given artist or a movement.**
- Literature: Read 4 of the stories listed below in Spanish. Before reading, study some of the background behind the work, learn about the author, and then read the work/works listed. Discuss the work with your instructor.**
- Culture: Prepare a 5-minute classroom presentation in Spanish on a selected cultural topic. This topic must be approved by the teacher and you must work with him in preparing your presentation. Suggested topics may include celebrations, foods, independence, etc... Please consult with the teacher before beginning work on the presentation. The presentation must be in PowerPoint or Prezi format.**

**Report to Spanish Teacher Mrs. Contreras by May 1st of the year you graduate.**



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# French



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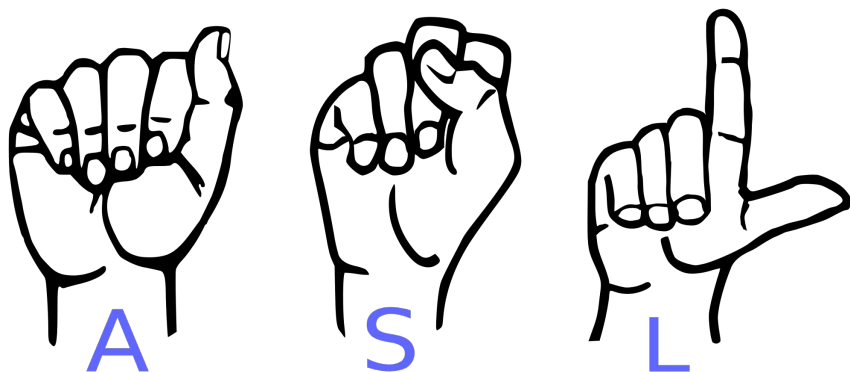
**Requirements: -Must complete three years of French**

**Complete an in-depth 5-10 page research paper focusing on French-speaking people from a French-speaking country paying attention to how the language is used and why it is used there as well as the culture of the people. Submit to Mrs. Licon.**

**Report to French Teacher Mrs Licon. by May 1st of the year you graduate.**



# ASL



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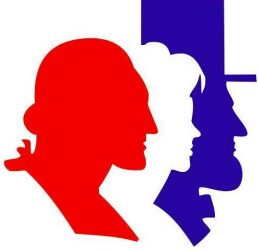
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## **Requirements:**

**Must complete three years of ASL**

**Complete an in-depth research report on a famous Deaf person.  
Should be between 5-10 pages. Must be turned in and reviewed by  
Ms. Turik.**

**Report to ASL Teacher Ms Turik by May 1st of the year you  
graduate.**



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# Dance

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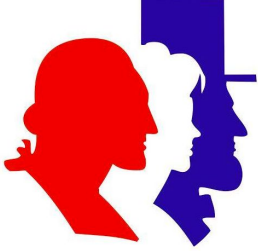
## **Requirements:**

- 4 Consecutive Years of Dance Level 2 and Up**
- 90% attendance and must be present at all performances**
- Create a self-choreographed piece, meeting the guidelines provided, and have it showcased at one of the performances in your 4 years.**
- Research Paper with topic approved by the instructor, 5-10 pg paper focused on a certain dance style, technique, or choreographer.**

**(If there are extenuating circumstances that you feel should be considered. You may present a written proposal to Ms. Ashley by April 1st of your Senior year. )**

**Report to the Dance Teacher Ms. Ashley by May 1st of the year you graduate.**





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# Social Dance

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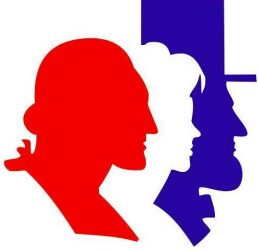
**Must have all service hour  
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**Overall GPA: 3.5 or above**

## **Requirements:**

- 6 semesters of Social Dance (4 if you are part of the 2024 graduating class)**
- 5 outside class dance activities (at least 2 must be teaching activities)\**
- Choreograph a piece to be performed during the showcase**
- 4-page typed research paper (approved by Teacher)**

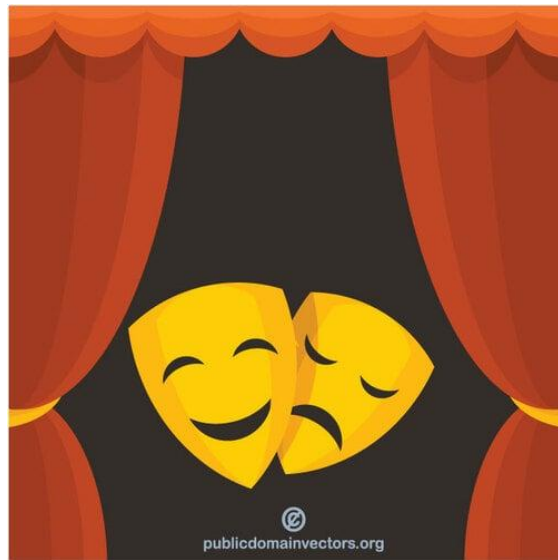
**Report to Social Dance Teacher Mrs. Price by May 1st of the  
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# Drama



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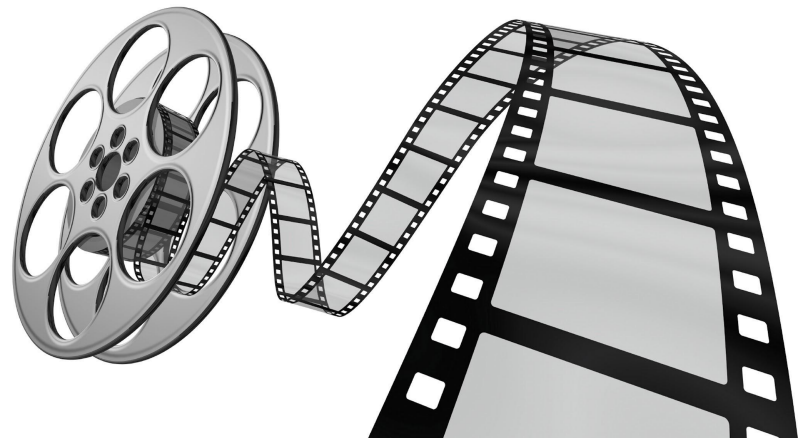
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**Overall GPA: 3.5 or above**

**Requirements:**

**-Students must earn a minimum of 60 points or roughly 600 hours in order to reach Honor Thespian rank in the International Thespian Society**

**Report to Drama Teacher Mrs. Vargas by May 1st of the year you graduate.**



# Film

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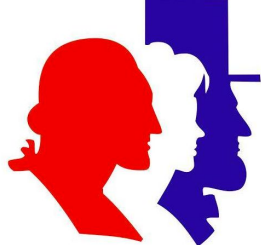
**Requirements:**

**Create and submit a portfolio of work; Various stills, 3 screenplays, 3 films for review, upon approval.**

**-Submit a film to one or more of the following:**

- **The Arizona Short Film Festival.**
- **The Arizona Student Film Festival.**
- **Arizona International Student Film Festival.**
- **Or any approved, comparable, festival.**

**Report to Film Teacher Mr. Hettinger by May 1st of the year you graduate.**



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# Choir



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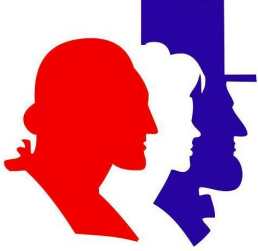
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## **Requirements:**

- Be in a Choir for at least 4 semesters in High School**
- Audition to be in an "advanced ensemble"**
- Participate in an "Advanced ensemble" for at least 2 semesters.**
- Prepare and audition for the All Regional Honor Choir (or other approved audition)**
- Pass the Music Knowledge Final with a score of at least 90%**
- Prepare written reflection on experience in the choir (or similar/Consult with Mr. Bunker)**

**Report to Choir Teacher Mr. Bunker by May 1st of the year you graduate.**



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# Band



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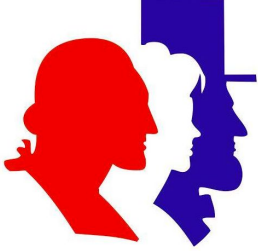
**Requirements: Be in Band Class for 4 semesters and do 2 of the following.**

**-Can play C scale, and then Scales with up to 4 sharps and 4 flats.**

**-Participate in additional events such as regional auditions or other events outside of Heritage as approved by the teacher.**

**-Scholars can take private lessons for a full year for their primary instrument**

**Report to Band Teacher Mr. Hughes by May 1st of the year you graduate.**



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# Art

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**Requirements: Take Art for 4 semesters.**

**-In his/her senior year, the scholar must submit a portfolio of their work containing a minimum of 10 pieces. Portfolios must demonstrate knowledge of techniques and media learned throughout the previous four years. Portfolios will be approved by the Art teacher**

**Scholars must have at least two pieces of artwork on display each year at the annual Heritage Academy Art Exhibit.**

**The Scholar must participate in a public community art showcase or vendor event and have artwork on display (Art teacher can help to facilitate this). This can be done at any point between freshman and senior year.**

**Report to Art Teacher Mr. Jimenez by May 1st of the year you graduate.**





# Orchestra

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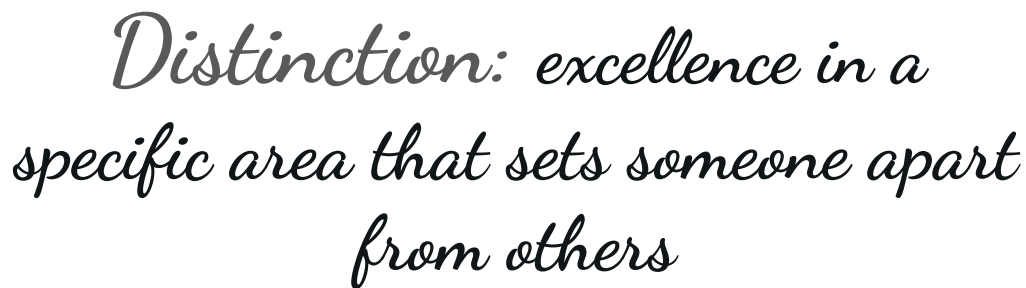
**Must have all service hour  
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**Overall GPA: 3.5 or above**

**Requirements: Be in Orchestra for 4 semesters. Complete two of the following:**

- Can play three-octave major scales (2-octave for double bass) up to 3 sharps and 3 flats.**
- Participate in additional events such as regional auditions or other significant events outside of Heritage as approved by the teacher**
- Scholars take private lessons for a full year in their primary instrument**

**Report to Orchestra Teacher Mr. Hamilton by May 1st of the year you graduate.**



**Scholar Completion Must be by May 1**

Department Chair Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Completion: \_\_\_\_\_

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Assistant Principal Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_