



**Perpich Arts High School  
Admissions Application  
2021-2022 School Year**

Application materials are available online at [perpich.mn.gov](http://perpich.mn.gov)

**Perpich Arts High School** is looking for motivated, self-disciplined students entering 11<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup> grade in the 2021-2022 school year. Perpich Arts High School desires students who are enthusiastic about the arts and demonstrate a strong commitment to serious study in academics and the arts. Perpich Arts High School is a school of choice for students who want to develop a world-view, self-responsibility, discipline, and explore the arts in an extraordinary way. Admissions Committee members are trained to identify *potential* for learning in a specific art discipline, as well as *demonstrated* accomplishments. Perpich has accepted students with years of experience, and others with no formal training in their discipline. For all students, Perpich strives to cultivate their skills in our unique school setting.

This application, along with any supporting documentation, is your opportunity to share information you would like considered by the Admissions Committee. All documentation submitted will be confidential. The Admissions Committee reserves the right to request additional documentation to support your application for admission.

**After reviewing your application materials, applicants eligible to move on to admission reviews will be contacted with the day and time of their review as well as information on what to prepare.**

Application materials needed for a complete application for the 2021-2022 school year at Perpich Arts High School are listed on the next page. Do not send examples of your art at this time.

**It is expected that the applying student will take the lead with the application process and correspondence with Perpich Arts High School. Parents and/or guardians have a very important role to play, yet we request it be secondary in regards to the admissions process. Student responsiveness to emails and other communications are important indicators and may be a factor considered in final admission decisions.**



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**Each item below is required for a complete application. No payment is required at the time of application.**

- Application:** (form attached)
- Short Answer Questions:** (answer page attached)
  - Short answers range in length from a single paragraph up to 150 words per question. Grammar, punctuation, and spelling matter.
- Release of Information:** (form attached)
- Transcript, grade 9 to present, with current class schedule:**
  - The transcript does not need to be official.
  - If not on the transcript, please list, on a separate sheet of paper, classes in progress and classes scheduled for the remainder of the school year.
  - Geometry is not offered at Perpich. Students are encouraged to complete geometry prior to applying.
  - To meet the requirements set forth by the Minnesota Legislature, students applying for their senior year must present with a minimum 2.0 GPA.
  - If appropriate, explain any academic irregularities or grades of concern.
- Attendance record, grade 9 to present:**
  - If appropriate, explain any gaps in attendance, excessive tardies, or other attendance issues.
- Academic recommendation:** (form attached)
  - The recommendation must be completed by the applicant's school counselor or a high school teacher of English, math, science, social studies, or world language.

**How to Complete the Application**

Print the pdf file and complete by hand or download the Microsoft Word file/s from [perpich.mn.gov](http://perpich.mn.gov) and fill out each shaded field. Submit the application, short-answer responses, release of information, transcript, and attendance report. If completing the application online, save it to your computer before sending it as an email attachment.

Download the Academic Recommendation file and send it to an educator to complete. This section can be saved to their computer and attached to an email directly to Perpich OR can be given back to the applicant and returned with the other application materials.

**Submit Complete Application via Mail**

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**OR**

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**Application for 2021-2022 School Year. Please print legibly.**

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Student Last Name                      Student First Name-LEGAL                      First Name-PREFERRED                      Preferred Pronouns

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Student PRIMARY Address                      City                      State                      Zip

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Student Email (regularly checked non-school email preferred)                      Student Mobile Phone                      Student Home Phone

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Name-Minnesota Parent/Guardian #1                      Parent/Guardian #1 Email                      Parent/Guardian #1 Phone

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Name-Parent/Guardian #2                      Parent/Guardian #2 Email                      Parent/Guardian #2 Phone

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Address of Parent/Guardian #2 if different than Parent/Guardian #1                      City                      State                      Zip

**Student ethnicity-OPTIONAL**

Check:  Hispanic/Latinx    American Indian/Alaska Native    Asian    Black/African American  
 Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander    White    Two or more races

**High School Information**

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School Name                      School District Number

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School Address - Street

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School Address - City                      State                      Zip Code

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School Counselor's Name                      School Counselor's Phone Number

**Current Grade:**                       10<sup>th</sup>                       11<sup>th</sup>

**For Office Use Only:**

CD \_\_\_\_\_ LD \_\_\_\_\_ HD \_\_\_\_\_ Type \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_ Miles \_\_\_\_\_ SLS \_\_\_\_\_



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## Perpich Application - Area of Interest: (subject to availability)

Please choose an art area in which to apply by checking the appropriate box below. If you are unsure of your art choice or are interested in applying in more than one area, contact Anne Johnson, Admissions Director at [anne.johnson@pcae.k12.mn.us](mailto:anne.johnson@pcae.k12.mn.us) or (763) 279-4195 for discussion PRIOR to submitting your application. No more than two art areas may be chosen.

- Dance:** Modern dance-based program offering classes in modern dance, ballet, composition, history, criticism, improvisation, and body studies.
- Literary Arts:** Writing begins with students telling their own stories. Students write in and study all genres, including personal essay, non-fiction, poetry, fiction, and hybrid text. Peer critique and public readings are core aspects of the program.
- Media Arts:** Students are challenged to appreciate, analyze, and create works through the moving image, stop-motion animation, sound, photography, digital arts, and interactive media.
- Music:** Studies include jazz, folk, popular, rock, and classical genres. Program focus is on developing fluency in musical language, performance practices, compositional artistry, and technique.  
Please specify primary instrument: \_\_\_\_\_
- Theater:** Using the model of a professional ensemble company, theater students learn proven performance techniques and explore exciting innovations in theater practice.
- NEW Musical Theater:** As part of the Theater department, Perpich Arts High School will be premiering a two-year Musical Theater track in the 2021-2022 school year. This new track will enhance students' overall knowledge of the art form and the skills within the 'triple threat' requirements of Musical Theater - acting, singing, and movement. This will be an intensive and prescribed program which may include some after-school and weekend commitments for additional program enhancement. **PLEASE NOTE:** Only incoming juniors in the 2021-2022 will be accepted to this program due to the time needed to complete all proposed requirements of the program. This program is being designed as a pre-professional program for those students who are interested in pursuing a post-secondary education in musical theater or working as a professional performer. **AUDITION REQUIREMENTS:** In addition to the elements for a Theater program audition, students interested in the Musical Theater track will need to complete both a vocal audition and a movement/dance audition. The vocal audition will require the prospective student to present a memorized performance of a selection from the musical theater canon. The movement/dance audition will be a movement combination that will assess the prospective student's knowledge and/or ability to perform the basic musical theater movement vocabulary.
- Visual Arts:** In a supportive atmosphere, students develop common artistic language through a communal arts-focused experience - studying painting, drawing, printmaking, sculpture, graphic arts, and portfolio development.



**Perpich Application - Signatures**  
**(Both signatures are required for a complete application.)**

**Perpich Arts High School works hard to build a community of students and scholars; a community that is intellectually rigorous and culturally open; a community that is both physically safe and safe for people of different backgrounds and views. Perpich Arts High School reserves the right to rescind an offer of admission under various conditions, including but not limited to: new information obtained from time of this application going forward, poor academic performance, disciplinary actions, attendance concerns, criminal actions, and behavior that brings into question the admitted student's honesty, maturity, attitude, or moral character. This includes postings on social media.**

In signing this application, we certify that all the information in the application is complete, true, and accurate. We acknowledge the above paragraph regarding the possibility of a rescinded offer of admission. If the applicant is accepted for admission by Perpich Arts High School, we agree to adhere to the policies, rules, and regulations now in existence and those that may be established in the future. Any misrepresentation on the part of the applicant or parent/guardian is cause for non-acceptance and/or cancellation of acceptance. All documents submitted in support of this application become the property of Perpich Arts High School and are not returnable or transferable.

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Student Name PRINTED

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Student signature (may be signed electronically) Date

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Parent/Guardian signature (may be signed electronically) Date



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## **Perpich Application - Applicant Short Answer Questions**

Please reply thoroughly and legibly. The field will expand to fit your answer.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Student Name**

**How does your art influence your life?**

**Share a time when you have been a leader in your family, at home, in school, or in your community. How has your leadership had a positive impact on another person or group of people?**

**Your personal character is shown daily by the way you act in and out of school, and the way you handle both positive and negative situations. How do you deal with difficult people or situations?**



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## Page 2 - Applicant Short Answer Questions

We all have challenges. Give an example of one of your challenges and how you handled it?

Why do you want to come to Perpich Arts High School? What are your expectations as a Perpich student?

What are your extra-curricular activities, work experiences, or volunteer involvement?

How did you learn about Perpich Arts High School? Check all that apply:

- Current Perpich student
- Friend
- Alum
- Guidance Office
- Teacher
- Online Search
- Social Media: which one?
- Playbill: which one?
- Newspaper: which one?
- Other:



**Perpich Arts High School  
Release of Information  
2021-2022 School Year**

**Applicant Directions:** Give a copy of this completed form to your high school counselor to be kept in your cumulative record at your current high school. **Return the signed original with your other application materials.**

Applicant Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

**I hereby authorize:**

Current High School Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

**To release the following information regarding the above named student to Perpich Arts High School (address below):**

1. Official School Records (name, address, DOB, attendance record, transcript, standardized test results)
2. Teacher, Counselor, Staff observations
3. Discipline record
4. Individual Education Program (IEP) plans, notices, evaluations and records, and/or 504 Plan documents
5. Health record, including all medical and psychological reports, and outside evaluations
6. Social Work reports
7. If applicable, chemical abuse/dependency reports

**I, the undersigned, give my permission that all school data pertinent to my application to Perpich Arts High School be made available to Perpich Arts High School officials.**

Applicant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
(may be signed electronically)

**As parent/guardian of the above named student, I, the undersigned, give my permission for the release of all school data pertinent to my student's application to Perpich Arts High School.**

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
(may be signed electronically)

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## **Perpich Arts High School Academic Recommendation**

Obtained from applicant's school counselor or a high school teacher of English, math, science, social studies, or world language.

**Teacher Instructions:** Perpich Arts High School is a public, tuition-free, residential-optional high school for 11th and 12th grade Minnesota residents. Your thoughtful and insightful assessment of this student will be very important in the selection process. Direct questions or concerns to Anne Johnson, Admissions Director, [anne.johnson@pcae.k12.mn.us](mailto:anne.johnson@pcae.k12.mn.us) or (763) 279-4195. Thank you!

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Name of Student	School Name
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Name of Person Making Recommendation	Title
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Telephone	Email
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**How long have you known this student and in what context?**

**Based on your knowledge, do you feel this student would be successful at Perpich both in school (arts and academics) and the optional residential setting? Please explain, using another sheet if necessary.**

**Please evaluate the student's academic skills, personal accomplishments, level of maturity and responsibility, and reasons for recommendation. Try to include specific examples. Please use a separate sheet if necessary.**

**Is there anything the admissions committee should know about this student such as personal circumstances, unusual accomplishments, obstacles overcome, etc.? What advice would you share with Perpich in supporting this student?**



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**Page 2 - Academic Recommendation for**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student Name

*The applicant demonstrates:*

<b>Motivation Characteristics:</b>	<b>Below Average</b>	<b>Average</b>	<b>Good</b>	<b>Very Good</b>	<b>No Basis</b>
1. The ability to maintain focus on a task for an extended period of time	<input type="checkbox"/>				
2. Independence, self-directed behavior	<input type="checkbox"/>				
3. Sustained interest in particular topics or problems	<input type="checkbox"/>				
4. Persistence in researching topics of interest	<input type="checkbox"/>				
5. Tenacity in working, even when problems occur	<input type="checkbox"/>				
6. Independent completion of tasks	<input type="checkbox"/>				
7. Readiness to receive and act upon instruction and direction	<input type="checkbox"/>				
8. Commitment to projects of interest over time	<input type="checkbox"/>				
9. Persistence in working toward a goal	<input type="checkbox"/>				
10. Disciplined work habits	<input type="checkbox"/>				
11. Rate of homework return	<input type="checkbox"/>				
<b>Personal Qualities:</b>	<b>Below Average</b>	<b>Average</b>	<b>Good</b>	<b>Very Good</b>	<b>No Basis</b>
1. Desire to succeed	<input type="checkbox"/>				
2. Self-discipline, in control of self	<input type="checkbox"/>				
3. Emotional stability	<input type="checkbox"/>				
4. Ability to work in highly diverse groups, relates well to peers and teachers	<input type="checkbox"/>				
5. Adaptability	<input type="checkbox"/>				
6. Study skills	<input type="checkbox"/>				
7. Attendance and punctuality	<input type="checkbox"/>				
8. Character	<input type="checkbox"/>				
9. Time management skills	<input type="checkbox"/>				

*The motivational characteristics were adapted from Scales for Rating the Behavioral Characteristics of Superior Students, Revised Edition*

**Confidentiality**

In accordance with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act 8 1974, matriculating students and parents/guardians have access to their permanent files, which include these recommendations. Perpich does not provide access to admissions records to applicants, those students who are denied admission, or those students who decline an offer of admission. Again, your comments are important to us and we thank you for your assistance.

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Recommender Signature (may be signed electronically) Date

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**Please complete both pages of Academic Recommendation**