



Perpich Arts High School

Application for the 2027-2028 School Year

This application is for students entering 11th or 12th grade in the 2027-2028 school year.

Priority Deadline: February 1, 2027

Applications received after February 1st will be considered only if space remains after first round admission decisions are made.

Each item below is required for a complete application

- ☐ Application form
- ☐ Release of Information form
- ☐ Transcript, grade 9 to present, with current class schedule
 - The transcript does not need to be official, but **MUST BE IN A TRANSCRIPT FORMAT**, showing class name, grade received, credits earned, and cumulative GPA.
 - Screenshots or report cards are NOT an acceptable substitute.
 - Students applying for their senior year must present with a minimum 2.0 GPA.
- ☐ Class schedule for the year if not reflected on the transcript
- ☐ Academic recommendation. Only one letter is requested.

How to complete the application

There is no preference in the format that applications are received - digitally, typed, or completed by hand. If completed by hand, **DO NOT USE PENCIL**. Perpich recognizes that not everyone has a computer or reliable internet. To have a paper copy of the application mailed to you, reach out to Admissions Director, Anne Johnson, anne.johnson@pcae.k12.mn.us or 763-279-4195, toll free 1-800-657-3515.

Download the pdf file/s from perpich.mn.gov and open the files using Adobe Acrobat Reader. If you do not have Adobe Acrobat Reader, a free version can be downloaded from <https://get.adobe.com/reader/>. The files are not meant to be completed on a tablet or other mobile device or with applications other than Adobe Acrobat Reader. Submit the completed materials by mail or email it as an attachment.

The Academic Recommendation file should be downloaded and sent to an educator to complete. Upon completion, this file can be sent directly to Perpich OR it can be given back to the applicant and returned with the other application materials.

Remember to SAVE often while completing the documents. If you need more space for any of your answers, please attach a separate document.

Submit complete application via Mail

Perpich Arts High School
Attn: Jody Gentz
6125 Olson Memorial Hwy.
Golden Valley, MN 55422

OR

Email:

jody.gentz@pcae.k12.mn.us



What Happens After You Submit Your Application?

After your completed application has been received, our admissions team begins a holistic review to learn more about you as an artist, learner, and community member. We review your academic record, artistic interests, and application responses to understand your potential for success at Perpich. We also verify that you are on track to meet admission requirements, including academic progress and graduation requirements.

As part of the admissions process, you can expect:

- Application Review: Our admissions team reviews your completed application, transcript, recommendation, and supporting materials.
- Portfolio Submission: You will be asked to submit a portfolio of past work connected to your art area. Your portfolio helps us understand your creative thinking, artistic interests, passion for your art form, and the ways you engage in artistic practice and growth. Prior formal training is not required.
- Art Area Assignment: You will complete an assignment specific to your chosen art area. This gives you an opportunity to demonstrate your creativity, artistic thinking, and approach to your discipline.
- Admissions Review Conversation: You will meet with a panel of two to three Perpich faculty and staff members. During this conversation, you will share your portfolio and art area assignment, discuss your artistic interests and creative process, and answer questions that help us get to know you beyond your written application.
- Holistic Review: Admissions decisions are based on the complete application, including academic readiness, artistic potential, commitment to learning, and how Perpich can best support your success.

Our goal is to admit students who will thrive in Perpich's unique environment of rigorous academics, intensive arts instruction, and a supportive community. We also want applicants and their families to determine whether Perpich is the right fit for them.

Accommodations

Perpich Arts High School does not request information about an applicant's Individualized Education Program (IEP), Section 504 Plan, disability, or medical condition as part of the admissions process. If you need accommodations to ensure equal access during any part of the admissions process (including completing forms, submitting materials, participating in an admissions review, audition, portfolio review, or other admissions activity), please contact Anne Johnson, Admissions Director, at anne.johnson@pcae.k12.mn.us or 763-279-4195.

We will work with you to determine reasonable accommodations that provide equal access throughout the admissions process.



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Student Last Name - LEGAL	Student First Name - LEGAL	Student First Name - CHOSEN	Preferred Pronouns
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Student PRIMARY Address	City	State	Zip
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Student Email (<u>regularly checked</u> non-school email preferred)	Student Mobile 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
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Art Area: *contact Anne Johnson, Admissions Director, **BEFORE** applying if considering more than one area*

Check: ☐ Dance ☐ Media Arts ☐ Musical Theater (Incoming Juniors ONLY) ☐ Visual Arts
☐ Literary Arts ☐ Music ☐ Theater

Gender Identity:

Check: ☐ Female ☐ Male ☐ Transgender Female ☐ Transgender Male
☐ Non-Binary ☐ Write in _____

Student Ethnicity:

Check: ☐ Hispanic/Latinx ☐ American Indian/Alaskan Native ☐ Asian ☐ Black/African American
☐ Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander ☐ White ☐ Two or more races ☐ Other _____

School Name	School District Number
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School Address - City	State	Zip
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School Counselor's Name	School Counselor's Phone Number
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Current Grade: ☐ 10th ☐ 11th



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Perpich Arts High School works hard to build a community of student scholars; a community that is intellectually rigorous and culturally open; a community that is both physically safe and safe for people with different expressions, different backgrounds, and different world 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 the 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 to 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 nonacceptance 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.

Student and parent signatures are required for a complete application:

Student Name PRINTED

Student signature (a typed signature is acceptable)

Date

Parent/Guardian signature (a typed signature is acceptable)

Date

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

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



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Please offer your original thoughts. Do not use AI. We ask these questions as a way to genuinely get to know you. If hand-completing this section, **do not use a pencil**. Finally, spelling and grammar matter.

What prompted you to consider changing schools?

Explain your top TWO reasons for wanting to attend Perpich Arts High School?

How will Perpich be different from your current school? Complete the grid below and please be specific.

CURRENT School Pros/Cons	PERPICH Pros/Cons

If appropriate, explain any academic struggles, gaps in attendance, or excessive tardiness. Knowing this at the time of application helps with understanding what may become known when school records are received.



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EXPERIENCE

Perpich recognizes that students may have limited access to arts programming in their schools and communities. Perpich also acknowledges the costs of classes and individual instruction/lessons, and that these are not feasible for all students/families. Many students create art on their own, and their instruction/learning may come from the internet, books, experiences, or friends and family. There are no expectations that you have prior experiences with arts education. We're looking for passion, while getting to know how our prospective students are learning.

DANCE: Complete these questions if you are applying for **Dance**

Have you had any prior dance experience or training? ____Yes ____No

If self-taught, what do you use for reference? _____

How many hours per week do you dance? _____

List any dance experience you have had in the last two years:

LITERARY ARTS: Complete these questions if you are applying for **Literary Arts**

Have you had any prior poetry, fiction, playwriting, or nonfiction experience or training? ____Yes ____No

If self-taught, what do you use for reference? _____

Do you write outside of school? ____Yes ____No If yes, how many hours do you spend writing per week? _____

What do you write most of the time? (pick your top one or two): ____fiction (stories, novels) ____poetry (poems, lyrics)
____plays or movies ____creative non-fiction (essays in which you choose the topic, memoir, articles)

List any literary experience you have had in the last two years:

MEDIA ARTS: Complete these questions if you are applying for **Media Arts**

Have you had any prior photography or video experience or training? ____Yes ____No

If self-taught, what do you use for reference? _____

How many hours per week do you spend on media arts? _____

List any media arts experience you have had in the last two years:



MUSIC: Complete these questions if you are applying for **Music**

Specify your primary instrument/s: _____

Have you had any prior music experience or training? ____ Yes ____ No

If self-taught, what do you use for reference? _____

How many hours per week do you spend on music? _____

Can you read sheet music? ____ Yes ____ No Can you play piano or keyboard? ____ Yes ____ No

List any music experience you have had in the last two years:

THEATER/MUSICAL THEATER: Complete these questions if you are applying for **Theater/Musical Theater**

Have you had any prior acting experience or training? ____ Yes ____ No

If yes, does your experience come from middle school/high school? ____ Yes ____ No

List any theater experience you have had in the last two years, including the play title and your role with/in the show:

How would someone who has worked with you on a performance describe you?

Additional questions if applying for **Musical Theater**:

If self-taught in dance or music, what do you use for reference? _____

List any dance experience you have had in the last two years:

List any music experience you have had in the last two years:

VISUAL ARTS: Complete these questions if you are applying for **Visual Arts**

Have you had any experience or training in drawing, painting, ceramics, digital art, animation, or sculpture? ____ Yes ____ No

Does your experience or training come from middle school/high school? ____ Yes ____ No

If self-taught, what do you use for reference? _____

How many hours per week do you spend on visual arts? _____

List any visual arts experience you have had in the last two years:



Perpich Arts High School Release of Information

Send the original of this form with your application.
Students are strongly encouraged to give a copy of this release to their counselor.
Consider asking the counseling office for an unofficial transcript.

Applicant LEGAL Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____
MM/DD/YYYY

Applicant CHOSEN Name, if different: _____

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)
2. Teacher, Counselor, Staff observations
3. Discipline Record

I, the undersigned, give my permission for the release of all school data pertinent to my application to Perpich Arts High School.

Applicant LEGAL Signature: _____ Date: _____
(a typed signature is acceptable)

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: _____
(a typed signature is acceptable)

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