The Hanover Insurance Academy of the Arts is a collaborative partnership between the Worcester Public Schools and a Hanover Insurance Company. The Academy of the Arts will provide students with rigorous course of study infused with art visual and performing arts. The Academy offerings and the course sections are contained in Annex B.

Through the district's zero-based budget approach, the administration identified efficiencies within Burncoat Middle School staffing to create the Academy. The budget impact for FY18 is the cost of an additional full-time Art teaching position currently shared with the high school. Hanover Insurance will assist with the costs associated with professional learning and enrichment opportunities for students which are embedded in the life of the Academy.