

Visual Arts

Courses/ Class Descriptions:

Elementary Art grades 1-3 experience 2D and 3D design concepts as they create projects with clay, paints, drawing instruments, and mixed media. Along with the pure enjoyment of art, students develop technical skills and an exposure to art history.

Elementary Art grades 4-5 continue to develop 2D and 3D design concepts as well as familiarity with the elements and principles of design within a variety of visual mediums. Specific technical skills in drawing and painting are taught. Many different artist and styles are explored as each student reads about those they personally find fascinating.

The Middle School Art course offers one of four different art units each year first semester. The linoleum or screen printing, acrylic painting, ceramic, and drawing units are then continued second semester of that year for those students that choose to progress in skill, exploration of the medium, and design concepts.

High School Art Courses:

ART 1: INTRODUCTION TO ART-HIGH SCHOOL.

This is a two-semester course that introduces the students to their ability to communicate concepts through the principles and elements of design. The students incorporate these principles and elements into their artwork by using a variety of two- and three- dimensional mediums. The course also enables students to develop an appreciation for art through exposure to artists, historical periods, and art criticism.

ART II: HIGH SCHOOL

Pre-requisite- ART 1

The general curriculum structure of Art II resembles the pre-requisite. Students develop a higher skill level in technique and expressive style. Student skills in art criticism and aesthetics are strengthened. Independent and conceptual projects offer the art student freedom to pursue personal direction as well as develop their understanding of historical/cultural artistic connections. This is a two semester course.

ART III and IV: HIGH SCHOOL

Pre-requisite-ART II

In this two semester art course, students develop a breadth of visual art projects. The student's ability to articulate the elements and principles of design during critical analysis is strengthened. Student responsibility for project concepts, medium, and choice of historical /cultural connection is also strengthened. This course can be repeated the following year as ART IV.

AP STUDIO ART: Advanced Placement Studio Art 2-D Design: HIGH SCHOOL

Pre-requisite-Art II and art teacher permission. This AP course is a studio based art class offered to highly motivated advanced high school art students. The intention of this course is to encourage the student to enjoy the creative process, continue to explore quality design with added rigor, take positive risks, as well as develop their personal voice and style. The student will be involved in a sustained investigation of all three aspects of portfolio development: quality, concentration, and breadth.

