Visual Arts Electives

Introduction to Visual Art-Visual Arts Exploratory- Grade 6

This course introduces students to the Design Thinking Process using artistic tools to create original works of art. Students review basic elements and principles of design. These design principles are used to create drawings, paintings, collages, narrative art, and simple sculpture. Students learn to observe and write about art in the world around them through the use of basic design concepts.

Drawing- Grades 7 and 8

This course explores drawing techniques using the Design Thinking Process and elements and principles of design. Students learn basic one and two point perspective drawing, contour drawing, and colored pencil technique. Students will then learn to incorporate watercolor techniques and acrylic paint techniques into their drawings. Students learn to think and write critically about great artists' works as well as their own works using basic vocabulary covered in the art curriculum.

Pottery-Sculpture-Grades 7 and 8

This course explores sculpture techniques through the use of the Design Thinking Process and elements and principles of design. Students learn to create 3-D art using drawing techniques to plan the work, sculpture tools and materials. Examples include wire, clay, paper, and beads. Students learn to think and write critically about great artists' works as well as their own works using basic vocabulary covered in the art curriculum.

Visual Composition and Design

This course offers a unique opportunity for 8th grade art students to explore the design world through creative design challenges. Students learn the Design Thinking Process, drawing and painting, calligraphy, graphic design, sculptural design, and the collaborative process critical in design through original design challenges. Students learn to think and write critically about great artists' works as well as their own works using basic vocabulary covered in the art curriculum. This course is open to all 8thgraders. It is mandatory only for those students submitting portfolios for consideration for Art 2 at the high school level.