

## Art Syllabus

Grade Level: 6–8

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Conference Time: 1st Period 8:00-8:45 am

### Course Description

This course introduces students to the fundamentals of visual art through hands-on projects and critical thinking. Students will explore a variety of media, techniques, and art styles from different cultures and time periods. Emphasis will be placed on creativity, problem-solving, and the elements and principles of design.

### Units of Study

1. Foundations: Observation & Design
  - Elements of Art: Line, Shape, Color, Value, Texture, Form, Space
  - Principles of Design: Balance, Contrast, Emphasis, Movement, Pattern, Rhythm, Unity
2. Creative Expression
  - Drawing, painting, printmaking, sculpture
  - Use of various tools, media, and techniques
3. Historical & Cultural Relevance
  - Art from different cultures and historical periods
  - Discussion of artists and their influence on society
4. Critical Evaluation & Response
  - Describe, analyze, interpret, and evaluate art
  - Reflect on personal work and that of peers

### Materials Provided

#### Grading Policy

- Sketchbook/Participation: 60%
- Projects/Tests: 40%

### Classroom Expectations

- Be respectful of others and materials
- Participate and try your best
- Follow all safety and clean-up procedures
- Have fun and take creative risks!