

## **VISUAL AND PERFORMING ARTS**

### **INTRODUCTION TO THE VISUAL ARTS I**

First Semester

1/2 Credit

Introduction to the Visual Arts I is a sampler course offering step-by-step instruction (learning experience) that leads to the creation of an art project (presentation). The art techniques include the principles of drawing with graphite and colored pencils, and the principles of calligraphy (lettering). Through mini-art history lessons students will explore art from prehistoric to the time of the renaissance to understand why we create art, and explore their creativity through a series of brainstorming.

### **INTRODUCTION TO THE VISUAL ARTS II**

Second Semester

1/2 Credit

Introduction to the Visual Arts II is a sampler course offering step-by-step instruction (learning experience) that leads to the creation of an art project (presentation). The art techniques include the principles of painting with acrylics and watercolors, and the principles of 2D and 3D design. Through mini-art history lessons students will explore art from Baroque to Modern Art to understand why we create art, and explore their creativity through a series of brainstorming.

### **INDEPENDENT STUDY IN ART I**

First Semester

1/2 Credit

### **INDEPENDENT STUDY IN ART II**

Second Semester

1/2 Credit

Independent Study in Art is designed for the student who has the self-discipline and the drive to work alone on projects of their design. The course is divided into 6 units for creating art from initial concept to final product (presentation), while using a variety of materials (media). This course is ideally suited for the creation of an art portfolio to be used for admission to an art school, and/or a student art show at midterm or finals week.

Independent students will share class time with visual arts classes. Students must bring samples of their artwork (notebooks, sketchbooks, folios, etc.) and get the instructor's signature (permission) to take this course.

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### **BAND**

1 Credit

Members of the band will meet five times a week for rehearsals and are given the opportunity to receive personal instruction on their instrument, as scheduling will allow. Members of the band are required to perform many times during the year at a variety of events. Students who wish to participate in band and chorus will receive one half (1/2) Credit for each. Also students who wish to take band for a half year will receive one half (1/2) Credit.

### **CHORUS**

1 Credit

Members of the chorus will meet 5 times a week for class and will receive one (1) Credit. Students who wish to participate in chorus and band will receive one half (1/2) Credit for each. Also students who wish to take chorus for a half year will receive one half (1/2) Credit. The choral group will have the opportunity to perform many times during the year at a variety of events and are required to participate in winter, spring and large group performances.

## **STRINGS**

1 Credit

Strings instruction is intended to provide performance experience for students playing a string instrument. Literature covered will outline significant orchestral works of various musical periods.

The fine arts graduation requirement can also be met by taking Home Design and Graphic Arts in the Technology Center. Please refer to Career and Technical Education descriptions on page 28.

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