

Portfolio Criteria- Art Honors Option

The students interested in this opportunity should exhibit the following characteristics:

- Intellectual ability- the ability to recognize and resolve visual problems
- Task commitment- the sustained involvement and dedication to art/art making
- Creativity- the ability to see relevant relationships and apply these to new or different situations
- Media- An eagerness to explore media for original effects
- Persistence- A high level of diligence and interest beyond their peers
- Love of Learning- Displays a strong desire to learn; asks for additional explanation and instruction

PORTFOLIO ADMISSIONS PROCESS for the Honors Option in Advanced Level Art Classes:

Portfolio: Students should create a web site or CD of 8-10 pieces of art work (free websites: wix.com). If completing a web site, please send the link to lmilas@hinsdale86.org. Images from sketchbooks or visual journals should be included.

Deadline: The portfolio process, CD or web site, must be completed within the first four weeks of the class.

Process: Selection into the Honors weighting will be based upon a portfolio review criteria.

The portfolios will be rated on the following criteria:

- Visual Acuity: Beyond the norm in technical skill and aesthetic judgment
Exhibits an interest in both idea and detail
Exhibits a greater facility with “true to life” appearance
Sees the underlying artistic structure of realistic subject matter
- Imagination/Creativity: Presents commonplace subjects with more imaginative and with variety of detail
- Excels in decorative and aesthetic qualities:
Excels in compositional arrangement
Shows an ease in working with media
Can use color with subtlety, as well as brilliance
Able to achieve contrast by well-balanced and integrated coloring
- Media Exploration: Shows exploration of media for original effects

(Conant and Randall (1959), Lark-Horovitz, Lewis and Luca (1974) Clark & Zimmerman, 1984; Hurwitz, 1983).

If accepted into the Honors level, students will receive a weighted grade. Students, once accepted into Honors, will not be able to request a level change during the semester.