

Department: Art

Course Title: Visual Arts

Grade: 8

DESCRIPTION OF COURSE

Students will be able to evaluate artworks using the specific methods of art criticism as listed by the PA Standards. Students will also be able to use a variety of learned skills which include but are not limited to drawing both from life and models, ceramics, installation, sculpture, graphic design, painting, and collage. Lessons will incorporate Math and Reading skills and make use of technology when applicable. Students will learn a variety of strategies to demonstrate personal, cultural and technical applications of these skills.

REQUIRED TOPICS OF STUDY

SUGGESTED INSTRUCTIONAL TIME

STANDARDS/ ASSESSMENT ANCHORS

Drawing from Life	8-120 minute periods
Cultures in Three Dimensions	8-120 minute periods
Technical Drawing/Computer Art	12-120 minute periods
Animation	2-120 minute periods
Art Criticism	8-30 minute periods
Math & Reading Integration (Incorporated Lessons)	240 minutes

RESOURCES

Resources include a variety of images, drawn mostly from books and the internet and compiled into Power Point presentations. These presentations will be used to introduce new topics and units. Other art resources include Art News and Art in America. I will periodically pull relevant articles for class reading and discussion. There is no defined art text for use in our department.