

Fine Arts: Visual Art

*All students are required to take one quarter of Art.
All seventh graders take Art 7. Eighth graders may choose one of the offerings.*

Art 7

One quarter course, required of 7th graders

Seventh grade art is a course designed to introduce and increase the knowledge of the elements and principles of art while giving the students opportunities to try multiple types of media. Students will learn fine arts skills through painting, printmaking, drawing and sculpture. Lessons are integrated with contemporary and more traditional art forms so that students will understand and appreciate the influences of art from many genres and cultures.

The Art of Craft

One quarter course, open to 8th graders

The Art of Craft explores craft as fine art. Crafts developed throughout history and the world will be explored in this course: from the alebrije creatures of Mexico to the paper quilling of ancient Egypt and China. The art of craft will teach the maker new techniques and skills, using the elements and principles of art to inform artistic choices. These techniques will include, but are not limited to, paper arts, textiles, sculpture, and Mosaic.

Intro to Design and Making

One quarter course, open to 8th graders

Intro to Design and Making is a hands-on, highly collaborative, and experiential learning course merging art and engineering. Students dissect the design process by brainstorming, designing, and making solutions to their choice of design challenges. Maker equipment such as CAD, 3D printers, glowforge (laser cutter), vinyl cutter, Makey Makey, Arduino, and others are open for possible exploration. All students will not complete the same projects in this course. Students will have the opportunity to choose which challenges to focus on in depth and will share their learnings with classmates. This is a collaborative environment that requires self motivation, a willingness to take risks, persist, and learn new things.

Drawing + Design

One quarter course, open to 8th graders

Capturing the world around you on a piece of paper or with a paintbrush seems like such a hard skill to master! This class will show you the techniques that artists use to draw, paint, and illustrate realistically. We will explore skills that will improve students' ability to create artwork based on what they see in front of them. Students will try their hand at portraits, figure drawing, still lifes and landscapes. All work will be two-dimensional.