



AP Art and Design CURRICULUM

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Course Information

High School Full Year Course

Course Description:

The AP Art & Design course is designed for the serious art student who is interested in intensive art production for the purpose of compiling an art portfolio in preparation for future art studies or college entrance. The portfolio may be used to present during portfolio reviews for admission and scholarship opportunities or to obtain AP credit.

The AP program in Art & Design enables highly motivated students to perform at the college level while still in high school. Students will be challenged to refine their artistic skills and develop mastery of composition. Emphasis will be placed on the production of a volume of quality pieces of artwork. AP Art & Design students will submit completed portfolios at the end of the year, with the opportunity to apply for AP credit.

The AP Art & Design Portfolio exam is a performance-based exam rather than a written exam and will require students to demonstrate quality, breadth, and an in-depth engagement in the process of making art. The AP Art & Design student will record portfolio work through a digital slide portfolio that will be submitted for AP review. Students will also be required to write short reflective statements to explain the thought process behind the artwork.

AP Art & Design requires a significant commitment of time and effort, both during class time and outside of the school day. Students interested in this course should be highly motivated and willing to devote considerable time and effort to the study of art and the development of higher-level skills. Students will be placed in AP Art & Design based on previous studio course experience and performance, personal goals, teacher recommendations, and portfolio review. This course may charge a fee to cover supplies.

Curriculum Standards: [AP 2-D Art and Design](#), [AP 3-D Art and Design](#), [AP Drawing](#)

Curriculum Resource(s): None

Curriculum Link: The curriculum for AP Art & Design is published by The College Board and is linked here: [AP Art & Design Curriculum](#)