

Detailed Program Description for PCA Visual Arts

Within a professional studio environment, students will explore a variety of fundamental artistic processes. All art majors will work to build a balanced portfolio, acceptable for admission to the nation's top art colleges. In the program students will have the opportunity to showcase their work in professional gallery spaces. Upon entering the program, students will take Fundamentals of Art I: 3-D Design and Fundamentals of Art II: 2-D Design. These foundation courses, designed specifically for magnet students, will cover in-depth investigations in studio problems, as well as aesthetics, criticism, and history. Students will begin building portfolios, which will include examples of drawings, paintings, printmaking, photography, graphic design, and sculpture. A broad visual arts education will be stressed; at the same time that growth of the individual's specific interests is encouraged. The following is a list of course offerings:

Fundamentals of Art I: 3-D Design
Fundamentals of Art II: 2-D Design
Fundamentals of Art III: Drawing and Digital Imaging
Talented and Gifted (TAG) Art
Advanced Placement (AP) Studio Art (Drawing, 2-D, and/ or 3-D Portfolio available)
Advanced Placement (AP) Art History
Intensive Portfolio Development and Exhibition

Visual art majors must earn a minimum of 6 credits in art, meet the "extended-hours" requirement and complete a senior project.

Course Sequence

9th Grade:

Fundamentals of Art I: 3-D Design	1 credit
Fundamentals of Art II: 2-D Design	1 credit

10th Grade:

Fundamentals of Art III: Drawing and Digital Imaging	1 credit
Talented and Gifted Art (spring semester or year-long)	½ or 1 credit

11th Grade:

Talented and Gifted Art	1 credit
Advanced Placement Studio Art	1 credit
Intensive Portfolio Development and Exhibition (Stipulations apply to this course. See teacher for details.)	½ credit

12th Grade:

Advanced Placement Studio Art	1 credit
Senior Project	1 credit
Intensive Portfolio Development and Exhibition	½ credit
Advanced Placement Art History (optional)	1 credit

Talented and Gifted Art (optional)

1 credit

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Four Year Total:

6-9 credits