

VISUAL ART

The Art Curriculum includes the creation of art as well as classes in Art Appreciation and Art History. Using a wide range of media and techniques, students' creative skills will be enhanced as they learn to distinguish among different schools of art.

PHILOSOPHY:

Art is a vehicle through which children express their feelings about themselves and the world. Given the proper guidance and encouragement, each student can maximize his/her creative potential. It is the creative process which is most important, not the final product.

GOALS:

Students are encouraged to express their individuality and creativity through the visual arts. The goal of this course is to develop an understanding and appreciation of art in its many expressions and to foster creative thinking that is transferred into other academic disciplines and into everyday life.

OBJECTIVES:

Students will be able to:

1. Express their ideas visually
2. Gain an aesthetic understanding, appreciation, and awareness of classical, modern, and contemporary art
3. Develop an understanding of art as it relates to their own and other cultures
4. Identify the various historical, social, and cultural influences and traditions which have generated artistic accomplishments throughout the ages and which continue to shape the contemporary arts
5. Demonstrate knowledge of the critiquing process
6. Utilize arts elements and arts media to produce artistic products
7. Refine perceptual and technical skills through visual arts