



**ART 7**

One Semester      ½ credit      Grade 7

This course serves as a foundation for art processes as well as an introduction to art history. Students will explore a variety of art materials in the areas of book arts, sculpture, painting, drawing, and mixed media. Hands-on projects are a combination of cooperative and individual learning focusing on a prominent artistic figure or idea from a specific culture or time period. This class serves as an opportunity for students to develop individuality and sharpen craftsmanship. All students will participate in various art shows and contests.



**STUDIO ART I**

Full Year      1 credit      Grades 10

This entry level art course is designed as the first step in a three year series in fine and applied art. It begins with a comprehensive study of basic drawing, form, and value principles. These are explored in a variety of media which may include, but not limited to, graphite, charcoal, watercolor, and acrylic. Understandings of composition, perspective, color theory, and cohesive picture making are also primary goals.

**STUDIO ART II**

One Semester      1 credit      Grade 11

This secondary studio class continues to present and re-emphasize the principles introduced in Studio Art I. Not only will students continue honing their technical skills and craftsmanship, but they will also find an individual voice for themselves within the wide range and diversity that constitutes art being created today. By studying old master techniques and then being exposed to currently practicing artists, these students can begin to get a feeling for their own unique views and personal aesthetics. This will be seen most strongly in the development of an art portfolio.

*Prerequisite: Studio Art I or teacher recommendation.*

**ADVANCED STUDIO ART**

Full Year      1 credit      Grade 11-12

This diversified art class continues to emphasize the formation of a college-ready portfolio, but also takes time to explore some of the more applied areas of art. Students will be free to experiment with photography, illustration, graphic design, and assemblage sculpture.

*Prerequisite: Studio Art II or teacher recommendation*

**STUDIO IN ART FOUNDATIONS**

Full Year      1 credit      Grade 11-12

Not part of the studio art sequence, this diversified art course begins with a comprehensive study of basic drawing, form, and value principles. After these are mastered, the class focuses on specialized topics which can include, but are not limited to, oil painting, photography, illustration, graphic design, watercolor, and assemblage sculpture.

## ADVANCED PLACEMENT STUDIO ART

Full Year	1 credit	Grade 12
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Exceptional art students may opt to take AP Studio in lieu of Advanced Studio to complete their sequence in art as well as attempt to acquire college credit. The goals of AP Studio Art are to bring the students' creativity, understanding of formal and conceptual issues, and the development of their technical skills to mastery level. This highly intense class will require out-of-class studio time, group and individual field trips to local galleries and museums, and disciplined personal focus.

*Prerequisite: Studio Art sequence*

## STUDIO IN CERAMICS

Full Year	1 credit	Grades 11-12
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This course is designed for students interested in working with clay. Students will be introduced to hand building techniques, glazing, wheel throwing, kiln loading and firing, and basic concepts of three dimensional designs. Ceramic students will create a variety of pieces from expressive sculpture to utilitarian pottery. As students advance, more freedom and exploration of original ideas will be encouraged.



## INTRODUCTION TO MUSIC

One Semester	½ credit	Grade 8
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This course offers a look at music and its progression over time leading up to music of today. Through classroom activities, students will learn how to listen for certain characteristics of the many genres of music and will be able to have meaningful discussions on those characteristics. Students may experience some of the classroom musical instruments in a "hands on" fashion. In addition, an emphasis will be placed on organizational skills which will help to provide a lifetime of benefits. A look at music as a science will also be explored.

## MUSIC THEORY WITH COMPUTER APPLICATIONS

Full Year	1 credit	Grade 10
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This full-year course will introduce students to the basic structure of music, including notation, scales, key signatures, chords, rhythm, harmony and melody. Students will utilize MIDI keyboards, computer programs, and the internet to apply their knowledge. Students will also learn to compose, sequence, and arrange songs using computer technology and various music software programs. Other applications integrating music and technology will also be studied. No previous musical experience is necessary, just a desire to learn.

## MUSIC WRITING & IMPROVISATION

Full Year	1 credit	Grades 11-12
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This course teaches the structure of music, including scales, chords, notation, harmony and melody. Using computers, MIDI keyboards and pianos students will compose and perform original compositions. Students will be taught the fundamentals of improvisation and apply their knowledge on their instrument – including all wind instruments, guitar, bass, piano or voice. Students should have previous experience on one of the above instruments.



**JUNIOR HIGH CHORUS**

Full Year	½ credit	Grades 7-8
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Junior High Chorus provides students in grades 7-8 the opportunity to participate in a large vocal ensemble while acquainting students with a wide variety of choral literature that will develop musical concepts and performance skills. Eligibility is based on previous experience and a possible audition. Participation in yearly concerts is mandatory.

*Alternate Days*

**JUNIOR HIGH BAND**

Full Year	½ credit	Grades 7-8
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Junior High Band provides a forum for students in grades 7-8 to achieve proficiency on an instrument through participation in rehearsals, lessons, and concerts during the year. Eligibility is based on previous experience, a possible audition, and/or recommendation from a previous instructor. Participation in yearly concerts is mandatory.

*Alternate Days*

**SENIOR HIGH CHORUS**

Full Year	½ credit	Grades 9-12
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Senior High Chorus provides students in grades 9-12 the opportunity to participate in a large vocal ensemble while acquainting students with a wide variety of choral literature that will develop musical concepts and performance skills. Eligibility is based on prior experience, a possible audition, and/or recommendation from a previous teacher.

*Alternate Days*

**SENIOR HIGH BAND**

Full Year	½ credit	Grades 9-12
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Senior High Band provides a forum for students in grades 9-12 to achieve proficiency on an instrument through participation in rehearsals, lessons, and concerts during the year. Eligibility is based on previous experience, a possible audition, and/or recommendation from a previous instructor. Participation in yearly concerts is mandatory.

*Alternate Days*

