

ESSENTIAL LEARNING RESULTS
FOR BVSD
MIDDLE SCHOOL VISUAL ARTS
COURSE

Course #A06

Course Name: **Exploratory Art**

Course Length: Variable

Designated Grade Level: 6

Prerequisites:

Course Description

In Exploratory Art, students will experiment with a variety of media to create visual art. The elements of art, (e.g., line, shape, space, color, value, texture, and form) are stressed in two-dimensional and/or three-dimensional work. Students will begin to apply art principles, (e.g., rhythm, movement, balance, proportion, variety, emphasis and unity) in their art expression. The development and application of basic techniques and skills are stressed. Students will express their ideas by using art as a form of communication. As students work toward an appreciation and understanding of art they will relate visual arts to various historical and cultural traditions. Students learn to respect their own ideas and artistic expressions and those of others as they analyze and evaluate works of art.

Essential Learning Results

- Students will identify and discuss how and why visual images, themes and ideas communicate.
- Students will use elements of art, principles of design and styles of art to communicate ideas and experiences.
- Students will be able to identify materials, tools, techniques, processes and technologies.
- Students will use art materials and tools in a safe and responsible manner.
- Students will recognize and describe how art impacts the world and how the world impacts art.
- Students will be able to describe works of art including information such as subject matter, symbols, style, elements of art, medium, artist, title, period, and cultural aspects.

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Course #A11

Course Name: **Art 1**

Course Length: Variable

Designated Grade Level: 7-8

Prerequisites:

Course Description

Building on the exploratory experience, students spend a full semester studying and using art elements and principles in composition and design. Drawing is emphasized as well as other experiences, (e.g., painting, sculpture, and printmaking may be stressed). Students will become more aware of the arts of other cultures, and the importance of art in their own lives.

Essential Learning Results

- Students will select, organize, and employ visual images, themes, and ideas in works of art to express an intended meaning.
- Students will use elements of art, principles of design and styles of art to communicate ideas and experiences.
- Students will practice and demonstrate the techniques for a well-crafted work of art while using art materials and tools in a safe and responsible manner.
- Students will identify and compare the characteristics of works of art from various cultures, times and places.
- Students will analyze works of art using elements of art and principles of design, and similarities and contrasts.

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Course #A21

Course Name: **Experiences in Drawing
and Painting**

Course Length: Variable

Designated Grade Level: 6-8

Prerequisites:

Course Description

This one term Drawing and Painting course provides experiences in a wide range of media in the study of art elements and principles of design. Using artists and art history, students explore various aspects of drawing and painting, methods and techniques. Students will be expected to continue developing their skills and knowledge of two-dimensional art.

Essential Learning Results

- Students will evaluate meaning and communication in works of art.
- Students will analyze and evaluate the use of elements of art, principles of design, and styles of art that express ideas and experiences.
- Students will evaluate the selection and use of materials, tools, techniques, processes and technologies while using art materials and tools in a safe and responsible manner.
- Students will demonstrate how history and culture of various people influence the creation, meaning and style of works of art.
- Students will interpret works of art using description, analysis, feelings and historical, cultural, and personal points of view.

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Course #A20

Course Name: **Experiences in Three-Dimensional Design**

Course Length: Variable

Designated Grade Level: 6-8

Prerequisites:

Course Description

This one term course will cover different methods and materials used in the construction of three-dimensional forms such as casting, assemblage, carving and modeling. The student will not only study how the piece itself looks from every point of view, but also how it interacts with the empty space which surrounds it on all sides. This interaction is the essence of three-dimensional design which makes it a unique art form.

Essential Learning Results

- Students will identify and discuss how and why visual images, themes, and ideas communicate.
- Students will use elements of art, principles of design, and styles of art to communicate ideas and experiences.
- Students will identify and experiment with materials, tools, techniques, processes and technologies while using art materials and tools in a safe and responsible manner.
- Students will create art based on personal interpretation of various historical and cultural contexts.
- Students will be able to describe works of art including information such as subject matter, symbols, style, elements of art, artist, title, period and culture.

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Course #A23

Course Name: **Pottery & Sculpture**

Course Length: Variable

Designated Grade Level: 6-8

Prerequisites:

Course Description

In this one term course, students will be introduced to the properties of ceramic clay. The emphasis in this course is on hand-building, however some wheel throwing will be introduced where facilities allow. Students will create functional and non-functional projects and learn to finish them in a variety of ways.

Essential Learning Results

- Students will identify and discuss how and why visual images, themes and ideas communicate.
- Students will describe and discuss characteristics of elements of art, principles of design and styles of art.
- Students will use art materials and tools in a safe and responsible manner.
- Students will recognize that art impacts the world and the world impacts art.

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Course #A15

Course Name: **Crafts**

Course Length: Variable

Designated Grade Level: 6-8

Prerequisites:

Course Description

In Crafts, students will be introduced to a variety of craft and folk art materials and methods. Students will create well-crafted, functional and decorative pieces based on art from different cultures. The crafts course is designed for students who enjoy hands-on projects.

Essential Learning Results

- Students will identify and experiment with materials, tools, techniques, processes and technologies.
- Students will practice and demonstrate the techniques for a well-crafted work of art while using art materials and tools in a safe and responsible manner.
- Students will describe and may demonstrate how history and culture of various people influence the creation, meaning, and style of works of art.