



PVA | PERFORMING & VISUAL ARTS MAGNET PROGRAMS

MIDDLE SCHOOL COURSE DESCRIPTIONS: VISUAL ARTS

The PVA Visual Arts Program focuses on developing students as artists who are able to effectively communicate ideas through their art. The importance of the artistic process in relationship to finished product will be emphasized. Students will gain a sense of personal voice as well as an understanding of their role as an artist in society. Students will gain skills with a variety of media and techniques in both traditional and digital art forms. In addition to developing artistic abilities, students will learn to respond to the work of others and engage in the process of constructive critiques. As a result, students will be able to creatively solve problems, both individually and collaboratively.

Visual Arts Prime 1:

This course is designed to introduce students to the fundamental skills needed for both traditional and digital art. Students will have the opportunity to experience a variety of media through drawing, painting, sculpting, photography, video, and digital software. Throughout the course students will explore artistic movements, themes and styles, and participate in constructive critiques. Sketchbooks and visual journals will be used to develop ideas, record research and document their artistic process. Additional experiences will include art based field trips, working with artists in residence and student art exhibits.

Visual Arts Prime 2:

During this course, students will continue to develop their traditional and digital skills while being challenged to discover their own personal artistic style. Emphasis will be placed on development of conceptual ideas and peer feedback as a part of the creative process. Students will be introduced to materials, techniques and conceptual methods to further develop their art making practice. Sketchbooks and visual journals will be used to develop ideas, record research and document their artistic process. Additional experiences will include art based field trips, working with artist in residence and student art exhibits.

Visual Arts Prime 3:

Students will strengthen and refine their artistic abilities while investigating their own artistic style and the challenges that artists face to find their personal voice. Emphasis will be placed on developing a portfolio of work through choice based projects that reflect students' personal style. Students will consider their role as visual communicators with consideration of audience, artistic attitude, and personal mission as they develop their studio practice. Sketchbooks and visual journals will be used to develop ideas, record research and document their artistic process. Additional experiences will include art based field trips, working with artist in residence and student art exhibits.