

# **Art Course Descriptions**

## **Visual Art I**

Course No: 50.0211004

Grade Level: 9 - 11

Prerequisite: None

Credit: 1 elective unit

Students will participate in a variety of activities involving various kinds of drawing, linoleum printmaking, painting, pottery, plaster and clay relief, various kinds of sculpture, and fiber arts. Basic drawing and design skills are stressed along with a good, basic knowledge of art elements, design principles, and art criticism. A basic survey of the history of art accompanies the studio and theory work.

## **Visual Art II**

Course No: 50.0212004

Grade Level: 10 - 12

Prerequisite: Art I

Credit: 1 elective unit

Students build on the studio skills and theory/history knowledge learned in Art I. Additional skills include art and artist research. More emphasis is placed on personal expression through the elements and principles. Students do more color work in drawing, more kinds of painting, and more three-dimensional work in sculpture and craft media. Historical examples are studied with each project.

## **Visual Art III**

Course No: 50.0213004

Grade Level: 11 -12

Prerequisite: Art II

Credit: 1 elective unit

Students will perfect skills in drawing, painting, printmaking, and sculpture. More emphasis is placed on problem-solving through art, and more freedom is given to explore individual interests. Drawing, painting and sculpture seem to occupy most of the students' time. Class critiques are conducted, and historical examples are considered with each project.

## **Visual Art IV**

Course No: 50.0214004

Grade Level: 12

Prerequisite: Art III

Credit: 1 elective unit

The Art IV course is divided into two sections. About half of the semester is spent in specific problem solving through assignments similar to those found in the Advanced Placement Course Guide. These assignments test the student's ability to apply 1) mastery of the elements and principles of art and design and 2) knowledge of art history to a series of design problems. The other half of the course is more of an independent study in a studio area of the student's choice. The student is expected to choose one studio area and produce a body of works, not necessarily related to each other, in that area. A contract is the basis for assessment of the independent study. This course may be combined with the Advanced Art course during the senior year, allowing more time to complete the portfolio.

## **Advanced Studio Art**

Course No: 50.0811004

Grade Level: 12

Prerequisite: Permission of Instructor

Credit: 1 elective unit

Students complete artwork to prepare for college level entry portfolios. At the end of the year, the portfolio is assembled and sent for grading to the College Board. Only advanced senior art students who are seriously interested in college placement are encouraged to take this course. See the art instructor for further information.

**\*\* Additional art courses are available to students who have successfully completed the Art IV course. See the art instructor for further details.\*\***

