

Course Syllabus for 8th Grade Art

Overview:

Students will be able to apply more complex technical skills as they manipulate the elements of art and the principles of design. Art projects, classroom discussions, and critiques will increase the students' confidence in skills learned during seventh grade, as well as introducing new skills to promote a higher level of interest and learning. They will also be able to make conscious choices of media and techniques for expressive purposes.

The students will develop a keen awareness of the value of art as it relates to his/her needs. They will become more aware of the beauty in the environment by understanding the importance of art and design in everyday life. They will also learn how and why artists in the past and present have created artwork. Students will compare and contrast art from different cultures and be able to formulate reasoned responses to meaningful art questions.

Textbooks and other resources used:

Library/Internet/ and teacher resources
Informational videos
Teacher made displays and handouts
Art reproductions

Outline of Content:

The student will:

Develop and use an active vocabulary of art terms.

Explore various mediums of art.

Learn the elements and principles of design and be able to apply this knowledge.

Examine the uniqueness of self, express imagination, and recognize individual differences through using a variety of media.

Develop a searching, experimental attitude in the independent solution of problems.

Enhance knowledge and skills needed to adapt to his/her environment.

1st & 3rd Quarter Projects

1 point and 2 point perspective folders

Drawing unit still life/contour/gesture/ life drawing

Stippling portrait

2nd & 4th Quarter Projects

Yarn bowl/ container

Doodle Art

Creating a combine