

Curriculum at a Glance

Art 7th Grade

Description: All 7th grade students will take art everyday for one quarter following this curriculum. In this class they will learn about how to draw realistically. They will also continue learning how to assess their artwork, and compare their artwork with that of their peers and of art historical exemplars.

7th Grade Art Learning to Draw	Essential Content and/or Skills
Learning how to increase perceptual awareness in order to be able to draw realistically	Students do drawing exercises that teach them to be able to see like an artist, such as pure contour drawing, and copying a series of line drawings upside-down. These exercises have been developed by Betty Edwards and are described in the book <u>Drawing on the Right Side of the Brain</u> . When students have completed these exercises they will have an increased awareness of how to see the contour lines and values that make up their 3D subject, and how to translate that into a 2D drawing.
Learning about the perception of edges and value	In the first major project students will use their perception skills to create a realistic drawing and paint it. They will be able to perceive the edges and values of their subject. There is a continued exploration of color theory, and evaluation using <u>The Elements of Art</u> and <u>The Principles of Design</u> .
Learning about negative space	Students will be able to draw a figure in motion, or other subject containing complex contour lines. The students' understanding of space, negative space as shape, movement, and unity will be evident in this project.