

Art 1 is a full year course designed to provide a foundation for students who intend to study fine art and build a portfolio as well as those students who wish to take the class for personal enrichment. Students will both learn to create original works of art as well as examine and reflect upon their own work and the works of others. Course content includes strategies for social problem solving, critical thinking, and the development of self-confidence. This comprehensive art course is predominantly studio (production) oriented but also integrates aesthetics, art criticism, and art history as they relate to the various studio projects. This general art course provides students with a foundation in introductory drawing, painting, printmaking, two and three-dimensional design, and digital imaging. First marking period includes an introduction to the elements of art, aesthetic awareness, perspective drawing, and to a variety of materials and techniques. Second marking period explores two and three-dimensional design through collages, sculptures, relief carvings and prints. Students will focus on painting techniques and the application of color theory and the principles of design during the third marking period. Projects will be integrated with studies in art history. The fourth marking period is devoted to fine and commercial art digital imaging using Photoshop CS5.1.