

Secondary Art Department Philosophy Statement

We aspire for learners to be brave, independent, and driven by valuing relationships that nurture vulnerability and the potential for all humans to create.

8th Grade Art Description

8th Grade Art is designed to teach students to become critical thinkers and visual problem solvers via exploring new and familiar media through drawing, painting, and ceramics. In this course students will be made aware of the creative process, that includes planning, creating, presenting, responding, and connecting. Students begin to see how the creative process relates to all disciplines, and come to know art as a tool of communication and self expression. Studio assignments have a connection to art history and are reinforced with thoughtful art criticism and appreciation, strengthening analytical thinking skills.

Students will...

- Experiment with a variety of art mediums to plan artistic ideas
- Apply artistic ideas and proper techniques in a variety of art mediums to create artwork
- Reflect on the artistic process to refine and complete artwork
- Select and prepare artwork for viewing
- Use a formal critique process to interpret and critique artwork

8th Grade Art Units/Media

1. Drawing
 - Grid Drawing
 - One-Point Perspective
 - Observational Drawing
2. Painting
 - Watercolor Painting
 - Color Wheel and Color Mixing
 - Acrylic or Tempera Sculpture Painting
3. Clay/Ceramics
 - Slab Sculpture

Waukeee CSD 6-12 Guiding Principles

- Responsive instruction and ongoing assessment are necessary for all learners to grow and progress.
- A body of evidence is used to determine proficiency.
- Course grades accurately communicate only academic achievement of the standards.
- Equitable practices and opportunities exist across all classrooms.