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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.

Art I Description

The Art I course is open to all students interested in art and does not require any previous art experience. Students will have the opportunity to play with different media and try different techniques related to drawing, painting, and clay. Students will learn skills that will allow them to participate in future art classes. This class will promote creativity, idea generation, and artistic experiences.

Students will...

- Complete work and develop skills in a wide range of media areas
- Use multiple approaches to begin creative endeavors
- Examine, reflect on, and plan revisions for works of art and design in progress
- Study, observe, and reflect on historical artworks
- Practice a responsible attitude toward the care and safe use of art media, tools and materials
- Demonstrate an understanding of art as a language for expression, meaning, communication and creativity
- Develop ability to evaluate art work
- Study, observe, and reflect on historical artworks

Art I Concepts and Outcomes

- 1) Basic Color Theory
- 2) Elements of Art
- 3) Art History: exposure to Prehistoric, Ancient Egyptian, Ancient Greek, Ancient Roman, Medieval Art, Renaissance periods
- 4) Feldman Model of Criticism
- 5) Drawing to include still life perspective and observational using simple grid technique
- 6) Clay project to include slab, slump, and armature
- 7) Painting, typically tempera and/or acrylic
- 8) Abstract / Contemporary Art with an open medium

Waukee 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.