VISUAL ARTS

* Course descriptions that are shaded are not being offered.
* Students are required to earn 1 credit of Visual, Performing, or Applied Arts.

**Art**

**Advanced Pottery** 1 trimester Grade Level: 10 – 12

#7110 Prerequisite: B or better in Pottery

This course is for the serious potter who wants to develop proficiency on the pottery wheel. Larger, more complicated hand-built projects will be completed as well as learning how to complete wheel-thrown production pieces and sets. The historical perspective of the development of pottery will be discussed as well as today’s current trends. Low fire white clay will be used, as well as stoneware and Mojave red clays. Materials for this course will be provided by the Mason Public School District. Projects made as a requirement of this course will become the property of the Mason Public School District. However, students wishing to keep their projects may purchase them all for a total of $30.

**Art 1** 1 trimester Grade Level: 9 - 12

Course # 7101 Prerequisite: None

This course is the first of two courses which will introduce and reinforce students’ knowledge of the elements and principles of art. This course is a prerequisite to most other art courses and will lay the foundation for all other art classes. Students will begin to learn vital art skills as well as build independence in expanding their own creativity and design abilities. A variety of media will be used throughout the course including drawing, pen and ink, and 3-D. Projects made as a requirement of this course will become the property of Mason Public School District. However, students wishing to keep their projects may purchase them all for $10.

**Art 2**  1 trimester Grade Level: 9 - 12

Course # 7102 Prerequisite: Art 1

Students will continue to investigate and expand the basic concepts and skills studied in Art 1. Individual creative expression will be developed at all ability levels through the use of painting, drawing, and wire bending. Portfolio development and assessment will begin. Projects made as a requirement of this course will become the property of Mason Public School District. However, students wishing to keep their projects may purchase them all for $10.

**Art Appreciation** 1 trimester Grade Level: 9 - 12

Course # 7108 Prerequisite: None

This one trimester course will introduce learners to the origins and historical development of art and to the various forms of the visual arts, such as painting, sculpture, film, and more. Students will learn how to look at a work of art, identify and compare key characteristics in artworks, and understand the role art has played throughout history. Through hands-on activities, virtual museum tours, discussion, and research, learners will develop an overall appreciation for the art they encounter in their daily lives. Emphasis will be placed on interpreting visual culture, developing visual literacy, higher order thinking skills, and developing writing skills that relate to the communication of visual arts. Upon completion of this course, students should be able to identify and analyze a variety of artistic styles, periods, and media.

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**Art History** 1 trimester Grade Level: 10 - 12

Course # 7100 Prerequisite: None

The Art History course will cover world history from the perspective of the artist beginning with cave paintings and ending with the modern art movements of the 21st. Century. Study and concentration will focus on art periods, including classical Greek and Roman, the Renaissance, The Middle and Dark Ages, Baroque, Post Renaissance and Modern. We will study different genres of art, including sculpture, painting, architecture, printmaking, photography, digital and 3-D. We will culminate the art history course with a trip to one of the Midwest's fine art galleries, so students will have an opportunity to see some of the great works of art firsthand.

**Commercial Art and Design** 1 trimester Grade Level: 10 – 12

Course # 7103 Prerequisites: Art 1, Drawing 1 and Photoshop

Recommended: Art 2

Design fields are the fastest growing occupation in the nation, and this class will introduce students to the options and careers available in the design market. Fashion design, photography, animation, interior design, illustration and digital imaging will be among the instruction for this course. Students will learn what it takes to market themselves and the

products they design in a high tech society. We will also study the influences of visual media in society through forms such as billboards, television commercials, magazine ads, styles of clothing, automobile designs, and home pages on the World Wide Web. Students also learn visual skills for non-arts purposes such as making and reading maps, charts, diagrams, plans, and models.

**Crafts** 1 trimester Grade Level: 9 - 12

Course # 7104 Prerequisite: None

Crafts will cater to a student who is interested in exploring modern and traditional craft art as opposed to the more traditional visual arts. Crafts will explore cultural arts such as batik and basket weaving as well as popular American crafts like rubber stamping, marbleizing and scrap-booking. Emphasis on cultural folk art will be the theme for this course with study of the impact of folk art on the economy and society. Projects made as a requirement of this course will become the property of Mason Public School District. However, students wishing to keep their projects may purchase them all for $20.

**Drawing 1** 1 trimester Grade Level: 9 - 12

Course # 7105 Prerequisite: Art 1

The Drawing 1 course will allow students to focus on two-dimensional drawings for the entire term. Mediums used will be: pencil, colored pencil, pen and ink and pastels. Skills taught will include: figure drawing, contour drawing, thumbnail sketching, pointillism, blending, shading and crosshatching. The focus will be on the value scale and perspective. Projects made as a requirement of this course will become the property of Mason Public School District. However, students wishing to keep their projects may purchase them all for $10.

**Painting 1** 1 trimester Grade Level: 9 - 12

Course # 7107 Prerequisite: Art 1 and Drawing 1

Painting 1 will introduce students to the mediums of watercolor and acrylics. Emphasis will be placed on painting techniques, and on blending and mixing colors. Students will create several small works in both mediums and will complete the trimester with one larger work in watercolor and one in acrylics. Projects made as a requirement of this course will become the property of Mason Public School District. However, students wishing to keep their projects may purchase them all for $10.

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**Pottery** 1 trimester Grade Level: 10-12

Course # 7109 Prerequisite: None

This course is divided into 6 weeks of hand building and 6 weeks on the pottery wheel. It will be entirely mid-range fired pottery, cone 5-6. The wheel throwing portion of the course consists on individual lessons given one-on-one with teacher to student. During the hand building portion of the course, students must demonstrate independent work habits and will be responsible for monitoring their own progress. Students will also learn how to glaze and fire their work and learn safety information about the firing process. Because of the limited number of pottery wheels, the class is limited to 24 students. Projects made as a requirement of this course will become the property of Mason Public School District. However, students wishing to keep their projects may purchase them all for $30.

**Studio Art** 1 trimester Grade Level: 10 – 12

Course # 7106

Priority consideration will be given to students that submit an application

Prerequisites: Art 1 and at least 2 of the following courses must be taken prior to taking Studio Art (Drawing 1, Painting 1, Crafts, Pottery, Advanced Pottery, or 3-D Art) Art 2 is strongly recommended. In lieu of the above prerequisites, a student may be admitted to the course pending the Art faculty’s review and approval of an art portfolio demonstrating mastery of one or more art disciplines.

Studio Art is designed for students who are seriously interested in the practical experience of art and for those who wish to focus their skills in preparation for a college major or minor in Art. Studio Art will not be assessed based on a written exam; instead, students will submit portfolios for evaluation at the end of the term as well as curetting a final art exhibit of the works they have produced throughout the term. Each student will work with the art faculty to design a specific curricular body of work which will include research as well as production. Students will be required to exhibit works in the local and regional art competitions and will be required to critically examine their own work and the work of other students in order to clarify career goals and identify potential opportunities. Projects made as a requirement of this course will become the property of Mason Public School District. However, students wishing to keep their projects may purchase them all for ($10 non-ceramics concentration / $30 Ceramics concentration)

**3-D Art**  1 trimester Grade Level: 9 - 12

Course # 7112 Prerequisite: Art 1

This course is an introduction to the creation and understanding of three-dimensional form. Studio projects emphasize basic visual aesthetics, the principles and elements of spatial design (line, plane, mass, surface, light, and color in space) and the processes and materials used to create sculptural forms. Three-dimensional design is also a preliminary course of study for architecture, furniture design, theatre design, fashion design, and many other disciplines. A variety of media will be used to create multiple projects. Projects made as a requirement of this course will become the property of Mason Public School District. However, students wishing to keep their projects may purchase them all for $10.

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