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**

**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.

**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.

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**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.

**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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