

# VISUAL ARTS: Grades 7~8



The Middle School Visual Arts Program builds on the strengths of the foundation established by the elementary art concepts and practices and bridges to the high expectations of the competitive high school art program.

The following outline presents a general overview of each grade level experience and identifies some of the mediums and areas of emphasis. Projects, interpretations and outcomes vary from year to year and from class to class. *Art supply lists may be recommended by teachers, but are not mandatory.*



## GRADE 7 ART

- Sculpture
- Refine applied design skills
- Drawing from observation
- Develop one-point perspective drawing skills
- Develop three-dimensional drawing skills
- Color theory
- Develop art vocabulary

*(Grade 7 Art students meet every other day for half of the year = 45 sessions)*

## GRADE 8 ART

- Refine design and color concepts
- Apply problem-solving
- Sculpture
- Explore painting techniques
- Continue drawing from observation

*(Grade 8 Art students meet every-other day for a full year = 90 sessions)*

## STUDIO IN ART (HS Credit Course)

- Develop personal style
- Explore sculpture techniques and styles
- Refine drawing and painting skills
- Refine techniques in classic drawing mediums (*pencil, pastels, paint, etc.*)

*(Studio in Art students meet every day for a full year = 180 sessions and gain 1 HS credit toward graduation, and can enroll in any HS Art elective their 9<sup>th</sup> grade year.*

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## Art Resource Websites

- Plainview-Old Bethpage Art Department: <http://www.pobschools.org/domain/208>
  - Metropolitan Museum: <http://www.metmuseum.org>
- Just for Kids: <http://www.princetonol.com/groups/iad/lessons/middle/for-kids.html>
  - J. Paul Getty Museum: <http://www.getty.edu>
  - Art Institute of Chicago: <http://www.artic.edu>
  - Cleveland Museum of Art: <http://www.clemusart.com>
    - National Gallery of Art: <http://www.nga.gov>
  - Kids Zone: <http://www.nga.gov/kids/zone/zone.htm>
  - Tessellations: <http://tessellations.org/animation-aquarium.htm>
- Optical Illusions: [http://www.michaelbach.de/ot/mot\\_sigma/index.html](http://www.michaelbach.de/ot/mot_sigma/index.html)