

Garry Middle School Art Fall 2021

Welcome to Garry Middle School Art! As an elective class, Art is either a semester long class or a year-long elective. Art is designed as a studio art program which means students will be busy working on hands on projects that are designed to meet Washington State's Visual Arts Learning Standards. These standards are arranged under four artistic processes:

1. **Create Visual Art.** Using the *Elements of Art* and the *Principles of Design*, students will generate ideas and work, organize and develop their ideas, and refine their work to complete projects.
2. **Present Visual Art.** Students will select, analyze and interpret artistic work for presentation as they develop and refine work to convey meaning, through presentation, in their artistic work.
3. **Respond to Visual Art.** Students will perceive and analyze artistic work to interpret intent and meaning in artistic work. Students will learn to apply criteria to evaluate artistic work.
4. **Connect to the Arts.** Students will relate knowledge and personal experiences to make art. Additionally, students will also learn to relate their ideas and work with societal, cultural and historical contexts to deepen their understanding of the world through art.

Assignments:

In addition to several larger multi-week projects, students will meet these requirements through in-class skill-building assignments and activities. Students will be taught techniques in drawing, painting, and creating 3 dimensional forms. Students will use many different artistic mediums which may include: lead & colored pencil, ink, chalk, watercolor & acrylic paint and clay. Students will also review art history and learn to analyze and critique art.

Supplies:

Students will be provided supplies such as: drawing pencils, a pencil sharpener, an eraser, a blending stick, and fine point ink pens. In addition, students will use class supplies such as paints, inks, clay and other mediums they will be using for their projects. Students should always come to class with a pencil and their sketchbook/notebook.

Homework Policy:

Students will be assigned homework **only** if they fall behind on a project or need to complete in-class work. At times it may be suggested (although not required) that they stay after class to work on studio projects. Students will have the same number of days absent to make up missed work (for excused absences).

Grading:

Projects will be graded using a 4-point rubric for each objective being covered in an assigned project. (4: Exceeding Learning Goal, 3: Meeting Learning Goal, 2: Approaching Learning Goal, 1: Not Meeting Learning Goal).

Larger projects are worth 16-20 points and in class activities are usually scored out of 4 points. Each day students are to complete an entry task that is collected on Friday and scored out of 4 points. Student grades will be based on: 1) completed art projects, 2) completion of in-class activities/skill development, and entry tasks 3) maintaining a sketchbook and notebook, 4) Art Reviews/Art Critique, 5) student participation and effort on art projects and 6) "studio" care and clean-up.