



Class Name: Art Fundamentals
Block 2 (10-10:55) Grades 8-12
Block 4 (12:35-1:30) Grades 9-12
Block 5 (1:35-2:30) Grades 5-8
Fall & Spring 2024-25

Tutor: Valorie Stanley

Grade Level: 5th-12th



Course Description: Students will gain the basic skills and insights necessary to create drawings and paintings on a 2-dimensional surface that are accurate and expressive! Strong focus on the seven elements of art: line, value, shape & form, color, space and texture, and principals of design, including contrast, proportion/scale, harmony, and rhythm/movement will be explored through the use of various tools and materials. This focus will engage the student's eye and hand, as well as the heart! Students will be encouraged to find great joy in this process!

This course will explore a variety of mediums, including graphite, charcoal, pen & ink, soft & oil pastels, watercolor and acrylics, utilizing accurate art vocabulary, and will provide the foundation necessary to expand into more specialized areas. As conceptual options and skill with materials increase, drawing will become a stronger outlet for personal and creative expression, and students will be prepared for further middle and high school art experiences, with confidence, and discover their passions and hidden talents!

These art classes are for all beginner and intermediate skill levels, with an ability to accommodate students with more advanced skills who are interested in working on technique, alongside other students, at a more independent level.

Please note that projects change yearly, and repeating Art Fundamentals is encouraged for students who wish to take art again but aren't yet at the intermediate/advanced level or are looking for the more relaxed course objectives with challenges at their level, but with less homework!

Course Objectives:

Students will:

- Be able to talk about works of art and learn skills and knowledge necessary to communicate in each art form
- Learn the elements & principals of art
- Work with various media
- Evaluate the works of other artists
- Develop an awareness of and appreciation for the presence of art both within the classroom and everyday experiences
- Will create classroom projects and participate in classroom activities that give students the opportunity to create works of art using various media and techniques
- Form an appreciation of and a satisfying experience in the arts

Supplies required: Supplied by tutor, but students should purchase a sketchbook of their choice to practice sketching throughout the week (no smaller than 8x10 or no larger than 11x14).

Materials Fee: \$45 *per semester*

Minimum # of students: 5

Maximum # of students: 15