



AP ART INFO SHEET

- AP Art, or Advanced Placement Art, is a College Board course designed to help students experience a college level art course. Your child may be able to earn college credit for taking this course.
- AP courses are more rigorous than on level classes. Enrollment in AP courses are beneficial for college applications.
- In AP Art students spend the school year creating artwork to include in a portfolio.
 - 16 works of art are created over the course of the school year, 15 are selected and digitally submitted at the end of the year.
 - 5 of the 16 works of art are selected to digitally submit as part of the selected works section. These pieces are the best of the best of the students' portfolio
- If a student scores a 3, 4, or 5 on their portfolio they "passed" the portfolio. Different colleges accept different scores. Typically, a score of 4 or 5 guarantees exemption from one college level art course. Some colleges accept a score of 3. Please contact the college your child is interested in to see what scores they accept, and which courses you will be exempt from.
- A score of 1 or 2 is considered "failing." Colleges will not accept a score of 1 or 2 for college credit.
- The portfolios are scored after school has ended; therefore, the portfolio score does not impact your child's class grade.
- There is a fee associated with submitting your portfolio. Please discuss with your counselor what the cost of submission is and whether you are eligible for submission cost reduction.
- All AP Art students are expected to submit a portfolio at the end of the semester. If the cost of submission is an issue the student should meet with the teacher one on one to discuss options.
- To enroll in AP Art, students must fill out an application and submit examples of their artwork for consideration.
 - Deadlines are important in AP Art; therefore, no late applications will be considered for enrollment in the class.
- Summer work is required for this course. Students are asked to create at least 4 works of art plus sketchbook and visual journal work over the summer and submit them the first day of school.
- If accepted, students will be required to attend an AP Art meeting at the end of the school year. They will receive their summer work assignments at this time and have an opportunity to discuss expectations and requirements of this class.
- Please visit: <https://apstudent.collegeboard.org> for additional information about AP Art and AP courses.



THE PORTFOLIO

There are 3 different types of AP Art & Design portfolios: 2D Design, Drawing, and 3D Design.

2D DESIGN:

- A focus on any two-dimensional medium or process.
- Includes digital media and photography in addition to traditional art mediums such as drawing, painting, printmaking, and mixed media.
- Emphasis on design, principles of design, elements of art, composition, and laying out visual elements.
- If you are considering graphic design, architecture, interior design, or similar college majors, this portfolio is for you.

DRAWING:

- A focus two-dimensional and on non-digital art forms.
- Photography and digital manipulation can be MINIMALLY included.
- Focus on traditional artmaking methods such as drawing, painting, printmaking, and mixed media.
- Emphasis on mark-making, composition, surface manipulation. use of value to create shadows, highlights, and depth.
- If you are considering a more traditional studio major or view your style as “painterly” or similar, this portfolio is for you.

3D DESIGN:

- A focus on three-dimensional art.
- Includes ceramics, sculpture, assemblages, installation art, and other three-dimensional forms.
- Focus on volume, surface texture, form, and development of work in a three-dimensional form.
- All artwork, including the 5 quality pieces, are digitally submitted.