

Extended Art Program

What is Extended Art?

Extended Art is an art class for artistically exceptional and highly motivated students. It is separate from the required art course in the arts and tech rotation at the middle schools. This class is designed for students who love learning about art and are self-motivated in their art creation. The content of the class is designed to challenge these students.

In this class students will research art history and take notes, make connections between art culture and their own art, and be asked to keep a working sketchbook with completed sketches from inside and outside of the scheduled art class. These activities will be in addition to creating artworks of varying media during class.

Sixth graders meet once a week for 30 minutes, while 7th and 8th graders meet twice a week for 30 minutes during school hours. This is NOT an after-school program. This is a program that meets during the advisory time-slot, but does not replace advisory. Band, orchestra, and chorus students are also able to participate in Extended Art.

How do I apply?

1. Complete the enclosed APPLICATION FORM and the STUDENT/PARENT AGREEMENT.
2. Prepare a portfolio of 3 pieces of your artwork specific to the instructions outlined on the PORTFOLIO DIRECTIONS/REQUIREMENTS page.
3. Submit all of these application materials to your child's art teacher between April 3rd and April 7th, 2017. Portfolios will be judged by a team of art specialists and results will be mailed to you by the end of May.

APPLICATION FORM

Directions: Please complete this form and attach to the outside of your portfolio.

Application and portfolio deadline: Between April 3rd and April 7th, 2017.

Name: _____

Current Grade: _____ Age: _____

Current School: _____ Current Art Teacher: _____

Home Address: _____

Home Phone Number (including area code): _____

Middle School to be attending (Please circle): Prairie Station

STUDENT/PARENT AGREEMENT To the Parents/Guardians

We understand that all students accepted into the Extended Art program must make a commitment to attend each class. We understand that Extended Art is a three-year program. Any necessary absences must be excused by the teacher. Lack of participation or attendance will result in an intervention meeting with the student, parent, teacher, and gifted coordinator which can result in dismissal from the program.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Before submitting your portfolio...

Make sure this form is entirely filled out. Verify that your portfolio contains **3 pieces** of artwork and briefly describe the artwork you are submitting below. The first piece is required and has been described for you.

1. A pencil drawing of a realistic figure in motion.

2. _____

3. _____

(Figure Completion Exercise – completed in class and kept on file. Will be added to student portfolio by the art teacher)

Extended Art Portfolio Directions/Requirements

1. Make a Portfolio.

The purpose of the portfolio is to secure your artwork and be a means of transporting your artwork to and from your teacher for evaluation. The portfolio should be simple, such as a standard size poster board folded in half with taped or stapled sides to secure artwork inside.

2. Attach completed Application Form and Parent/Student Agreement to the front of the portfolio.

3. Create 3 pieces of original artwork as specified by the directions below.

- 1) Using only pencil, draw a realistic figure in motion. (Such as a dancer, skateboarder, runner, acrobat, etc.)
- 2) Design a new product/invention by drawing (2D) or building it (3D); include a brief description about your product. (Think about things you could design to solve a problem of yours, another person's, or the world's)
- 3) Free choice; either two-dimensional or three-dimensional. (Such as drawing, painting, photography, sculpture, ceramics, collage, etc.)

(Figure Completion Exercise completed in class and kept on file by art teacher.)

Please note:

- ✓ Portfolios are assessed on composition, creativity, and craftsmanship.
- ✓ If submitting three-dimensional art, take a photograph and include the photograph in your portfolio, not the three-dimensional form itself.
- ✓ Artwork should show evidence of substantial time, effort, and thought by the student.
- ✓ No copyrighted material, traced, coloring book, or worksheet pages should be included.
- ✓ The Extended Art Program has a strong foundation in independent work. Formal work from commercial classes can often alter a student's true ability and does not foster the independence we expect from an Extended Art student. Therefore help from commercial classes and outside sources is prohibited and will result in a disqualification of those particular artworks.

4. Label each piece of artwork with name, current grade, and teacher. Please make certain that all labels are firmly attached.

5. Turn in completed portfolio to your art teacher between April 3-7, 2017.