

Extended Art Program

Description

The extended art program provides a supportive, stimulating, environment for middle school students talented in the visual arts. Students who are identified as artistically talented are brought together with classmates of equal ability and interests. They are offered experiences that broaden their knowledge about art, sharpen their skills, and provide greater challenges outside of the regular art 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.

Pre-Requisite

In order for your child to be considered for this opportunity, he/she must submit an application and portfolio of artwork that needs to be completed and returned to your child's art teacher. In addition to the portfolio, your child should have a strong desire to attend class and strong interest in visual expression.

Application Directions

1. Complete the enclosed APPLICATION FORM and the STUDENT/PARENT AGREEMENT.
2. Prepare a portfolio of 4 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 12th and April 16th**. 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 12th and April 16th.

Name: _____

Current Grade: _____ Age: _____

Current School: _____ 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, unless discussed with the extended art teacher. 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 **4 pieces** of artwork and briefly describe the artwork you are submitting below. The first piece has been described for you.

1. A drawing of a person kicking a ball very, very hard.

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

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Portfolio Directions/Requirements

1. Make a Portfolio.

The purpose of the portfolio is to secure your artwork and be a means of transferring 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 4 pieces of original artwork as specified by the directions below.

- 1) Pencil drawing of a person kicking a ball very, very hard. Try to show all the movement of the body and limbs.
- 2) Choose one: portrait, still life, or landscape using any medium (art material).
- 3) Design a product by drawing or building it. Include a brief description about your product. (Such as a shoe, cereal box, car, outfit, machine, etc.)
- 4) Free choice either two-dimensional or three-dimensional.

Please note:

- ✓ 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.
- ✓ All work included in the portfolio should be created entirely by the student without assistance.
- ✓ Student may not submit artwork done previously in a classroom setting.

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 12th** and **April 16th**.