

MS Art Syllabus 4th-6th Grade  
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Instructor

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Course Description

Middle School Art at Holland Hall aims to teach children the skills to communicate visually in 2D and 3D while instilling a fearless search for self-expression and a basic understanding of human cultures from around the world.

Learning Objectives and Benchmarks

Student progress will be evaluated in each grade with a series of benchmarks in Drawing, Design, Color, Composition, 3D work in clay, Art History and Culture, and skills in processes, cooperation and criticism.

Preparation for Class/ Course Materials

All materials will be provided. There is no pre-requisite for any class.

Methods of Instruction

Basic demonstrations are given for first day of unit where whole class watches instructor. Subsequent classes are for individual student art production with more demonstrations and individual attention from instructor as needed. Students are given an approximate day for completion, but often will have a day later in the semester for finishing units. Those finishing early are expected to work on other artistic endeavors.

Assessment

Grades are not given in Art. Assessments are based on whether student is approaching, meeting or exceeding benchmarks for that grade level.

Projected Course Schedule

4<sup>th</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> grade art classes will be one semester long and meet every other day on an A/B day schedule. Units may be as short as one day or as long as fifteen days.