

## **Fine Arts Courses**

### **Art I**

1 credit 2 semesters

Prerequisites: None. Recommended for freshmen or sophomores.

Content: Students will explore art as it affects themselves and their society. They will use various art medias and methods of composition to produce personal art works. Drawing skills and the use of color are stressed. Students will gain an understanding of Art History.

### **Art II**

1 credit 2 semesters

Prerequisites: A minimum grade of “B” in Art I, or teacher approval is required. Recommended for sophomores and juniors.

Content: Creativity, craftsmanship, and pre-learned composition skills are stressed in the creation of complicated works of art. Problem solving skills and many art terms are used to increase the artist’s potential. Artwork is readied for competitions. Interpretations of various artists and their styles are used to develop ideas for student work..

### **Advanced Art**

1 credit 2 semesters

Prerequisites: A minimum of “B” in Art II. Recommended for juniors and seniors.

Content: Students will use composition skills and various techniques to create quality artwork. This class stresses the use of originality in art to communicate the artist’s thoughts. For one quarter, the student will develop a contract with the teacher to study and improve in one art medium. A technologically developed pamphlet which describes the group of work developed by the student will be produced. It will tell how their artwork reflects their life will be developed. Also, various art careers will be explored.

### **Advanced Art II**

1 credit 2 semesters

Prerequisites: Students must have completed three years of high school. Students must be seniors.

Content: Students will develop a portfolio of work which displays the control of the student over various art techniques, medias, and skills. The student will write and illustrate a fictional, or reality based story. Emphasis will be placed on student's artwork displaying self-expression, social comment, or political statement. Students will be required to write explanations of the purpose for their artwork. Art careers will be explored.

## **Music Appreciation**

1/2 credit 1 semester

Prerequisites: none

## **High School Band**

1 credit 2 semesters

Prerequisites: The successful completion of Junior High Band, current band membership, or consent of the director after an audition. This course is offered for freshmen, sophomores, juniors, and seniors.

Content: This course covers many different types and styles of music. Marching skills will be developed. Opportunities for individual achievement are available at music contest through solos and small ensembles. Students may also participate in the All-Conference Band and may audition for the All-District and All-State Bands. This course is an ongoing continuation of skills and objectives learned and developed since 5th grade band. Each year the student's ability and performance level increases. Leadership skills are also developed through section leaders, rank leaders and drum major positions.

## **High School Choir**

1 credit 2 semesters

Prerequisites: None. For grades 9 through 12.

Content: This course is a performance oriented choir, which includes 6 to 8 public performances a year. Students will learn to sing a part independently, blend with the group and improve their musicianship and vocal ability.

## **High School Class Piano**

½ credit 1 semester

Prerequisites: Basic Computer Skills. For grades 9 through 12

Content: This course is a basic music course that teaches simple two hand pieces on full sized digital pianos. Music composition and arranging is also explored through the use of music software and digital recording equipment.

## **Drama**

½ Credit 1 semester

Prerequisite: none

Content: Students will study fundamentals of acting, including pantomime, improvisation, and character development. Students will also learn stage directions, script scoring and some technical theatre information. We will also study at least two famous plays and playwrights, which will vary from year to year. Students can expect to perform solo, duo, and small group pantomimes, improvisations, short scenes, and perhaps a short play or two as well.