



BHS

VPA

Department

VPA VISUAL ART AUDITION REQUIREMENTS

1. Candidates must bring a portfolio of TEN EXAMPLES of their best work. The portfolio must include drawings based on observation (looking at something), watercolor, painting, and one or two 3-D pieces. Students may bring photographs of their 3-D work. Cartoon and anime drawings are not to be included.
2. Candidates must present a written artist's statement (a few paragraphs) describing why they believe the VPA program is the best placement for them, and why they believe art is an important aspect of our world.
3. The candidate must present his/her most recent report card and a transcript that offers a history of academic success. A requirement for admissions in the VPA is a 2.5 UNWEIGHTED grade point average.
4. The candidate must present two (2) letters of recommendation from teachers or other mentors in the art field. These may be completed after the audition date, but must be submitted before a student will be accepted.

THE AUDITION

On the date of the audition, candidates should expect the following:

- The candidate will be asked to complete three drawing assignments as directed by art faculty
- Art faculty will review the candidate's portfolio
- Art faculty will interview the candidate to determine aptitude and promise

The audition will take 60 to 120 minutes

AUDITION RUBRIC FOR VISUAL ART

The candidate will earn one of the following scores, based on the criteria described below.

- 4 - Exceptional
- 3 - Competent
- 2 - Needs Development
- 1 - Below Standards

- Breadth - uses or attempts a variety of media and/or techniques
- Observation - ability to observe and record shapes, lines, textures, values, and space in a work of art
- Organization - ability to conceptualize and make judgments regarding the use of the entire picture palate
- Interpretation - ability to utilize or attempt a style or technique that reflects or expresses a personal feeling or emotion associated with the subject matter
- Craftsmanship - presentation of artwork that shows thoughtfulness, care, value, and permanence in its construction
- Interview
- Recommendation letters
- Academic promise (must have an unweighted GPA of 2.5 or higher)

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