

Updated Certification Criteria for Visual Arts Effective beginning the 2015-16 school year

In order to certify in Visual Arts, students must meet the following criteria:

High Honors

- **A minimum of 3 years of Visual Arts classes (including Basic Design) with a “B “ or better and a combined GPA in art of 3.8 or higher**
- **Have taken AP Studio Art at least one year**
- **Complete a senior project (paper, project, presentation) that has a visual arts component.**
- **If the visual art student is in their senior year, the AP Portfolio content may be used in conjunction with other components for their senior project as long as the project constitutes a learning stretch. All plans must be approved by both the Senior Project Coordinator and the AP Art Teacher.**
- **Have a combined overall GPA of 2.0 or higher**

Honors

- **A minimum of 3 years of Visual Arts classes (including Basic Design) with a “B” or better and a combined GPA of 3.5 or higher in art**
- **Have taken AP Studio Art at least one year**
- **Complete a senior project (paper, project, presentation) that has a visual arts component.**
- **If the visual art student is in their senior year, the AP Portfolio content may be used in conjunction with other components for their senior project as long as the project constitutes a learning stretch. All plans must be approved by both the Senior Project Coordinator and the AP Art Teacher.**
- **Have a combined overall GPA of 2.0 or higher**

Recognition

- **A minimum of 3 years of Visual Arts classes (including Basic Design) with a “B” or better and a combined GPA of 3.0 in art**
- **Complete a senior project (paper, project, presentation) that has a visual arts component.**
- **Have a combined overall GPA of 2.0 or higher**

Classes Sequence for Certification in Visual Arts:

- **Basic Design -1 year (required class)**
- **Drawing and Painting -1 year**
- **Advanced Drawing and Painting-1 year
(May be repeated for credit with instructor approval)**
- **Advanced Placement Studio Art: Drawing, 2D Design or 3D Design-1 year
(May be repeated for credit with instructor approval)**