

## ADVANCED PLACEMENT PORTFOLIO Highland High School

The Advanced Placement Portfolio curriculum is offered to students who are serious about the visual arts. Below is an overview of the sequence and requirements for students to complete an AP Portfolio.

**Freshman year** - Take Art I and Art II.

Early in the second semester when students are taking Art II they will be asked if they are interested in AP art. When EL schedules are changed at that time, they will be put in Mrs. Burns' EL. This does not commit them to AP Portfolio, but works to build the foundation.

Time spent in EL will be for drawing as well as regular study time.

**Sophomore year** -AP students are required to take an art class each semester (Advanced Drawing / Prints if possible).

If they are still interested they will be in the AP EL first semester of their sophomore year

Students are strongly encouraged to try out for the National Art Honor Society second week in Jan..

**\* Students will greatly benefit from attending art shows, museums and summer high school classes offered at colleges. Attending the National Portfolio Day at Washington University on a Sunday in October is helpful for the college representatives critiques and seeing other students work.**

**Junior year** - AP art students are required to take an art class each semester. (Advanced Drawing / Prints should be taken now if not taken soph. year.)

**Senior year** - AP art students are required to take an art class each semester.

**Junior or Senior year** - Students along with Mrs. Burns and their parents will make a decision to submit a portfolio either their Junior or Senior year. Submitting during their Senior year allow for more development of skills and a possible higher score. Submitting during the Junior year has the advantage of using the AP score for college admissions and scholarships.

Students are required to attend the summer art experience offered in August the Friday prior to the start of the school year they will be submitting their portfolio.

In addition to an art class each semester, they will be enrolled in the **AP Portfolio course** (whose grade is weighted) both semesters. They will be required to produce 12 college level pieces of art work each semester (24 total). They will also be required to attend after school critiques.

Any scheduling conflicts are the responsibility of the parent or students to make up (ie. go to a show on your own if unable to go on a field trip.) However this is a rigorous program and it is unrealistic program and it is unrealistic to expect to create college level work with benefit of the additional instruction the program offers. Calendar of events are created well in advance and should be checked when scheduling other activities to avoid conflict.