

**COURSE DESCRIPTIONS
VISUAL AND PERFORMING ARTS****Introduction to Art****FA605****Grades 9-12****Year**

This is an introductory art course. Students will develop an aesthetic vocabulary, explore the role of art in influencing history and culture, analyze and critique works of art, and develop skill in a variety of media, including graphite, charcoal, India ink and watercolor. Special attention is paid to Mexican Art and culture at the end of the school year. Full year meets UC/CSU "f" requirement and the ten-unit AUSD Fine Arts/Foreign Language graduation requirement.

Advanced Art**FA607****Grades 10-12****Year**

Prerequisite: Successful completion of Introduction to Visual Arts with a "C" or better or Instructor approval.

In Advanced Art, students expand their skills in drawing, painting, 3-dimensional design and print making. Special college-level projects challenge students to refine their production techniques and go beyond the limits of their own talent. Special attention is paid to projects involving silkscreen printing and airbrush painting. Class may be repeated for credit. Full year meets UC/CSU "f" requirement, as well as the ten-unit AUSD Fine Arts/Foreign Language graduation requirement.

Introduction to Ceramics**FA610****Grades 10-12****Year**

This course offers the student a wide range of activities in the clay medium, including hand construction, wheel-throwing and ceramic sculpture. It introduces a ceramics vocabulary and helps students appreciate and recognize good artistic craftsmanship. Full year meets UC/CSU "f" requirement and the ten-unit AUSD Fine Arts/Foreign Language graduation requirement.

Advanced Ceramics**FA612****Grades 10-12****Year**

Prerequisite: Successful completion of Introduction to Ceramics.

This is the pre-vocational or pre-college level of ceramics in which design problems in clay construction, glaze and surface enhancement, aesthetic evaluations and studio processes are defined and pursued as individualized student goals. Class may be repeated for credit. Full year meets UC/CSU "f" requirement, and the ten-unit AUSD Fine Arts/Foreign Language graduation requirement.

Marching Band**FA618****Grades 9-12****Semester/Fall**

This group participates at home and away football games, parades and field shows. Its main emphasis is on marching technique while playing a musical instrument. (No UC/CSU credit). For attached units, see Miscellaneous Programs.

Concert Band**FA620****Grades 9-12****Year**

This is a Performing Arts class. In the fall the concert band performs with the marching band. During second semester it is a separate performing band. The main emphasis in this class is on instrumental technique. Full year meets UC/CSU "f" and "g" requirements.

Wind Ensemble**FA621****Grades 9-12****Year**

Prerequisite: 2 years Concert Band and director's approval.

The Wind Ensemble functions as a performance ensemble and as an ensemble "class" in which students acquire technical skill, concept development and knowledge unique to music through ensemble and individual performance. Performances outside of class are required to meet the University of California "f" & "g" requirements. Students are required to participate in all performances and festivals.

Jazz Ensemble**FA622****Grades 9-12****Semester/Spring**

Prerequisite: Audition by instructor.

This small group performs at jazz festivals, concerts and community events. It is a group for students who appreciate jazz, blues and swing music. (No UC/CSU Credit)

Aztec Singers**FA625****Grades 9-12****Year**



Prerequisite: Audition by instructor.

This small group of selected singers and dancers represents the school at civic functions and competitive choral festivals throughout Southern California. All public performances and evening rehearsals are required. Course may be repeated for credit. Full-year commitment required.

Concert Choir

FA626

Grades 9-12

Year

Basic vocal techniques and repertoire will be learned. Public performances are required. Course may be repeated for credit. Full year meets UC/CSU "f" or "g" requirements.

Music History

FA628

Grades 9-12

Year

This is a rigorous course which acquaints students with music from diverse cultures, as well as the history and theory of western music. Students should read at grade level. Full year meets UC/CSU "f" or "g" requirements.

Introduction Drama

FA614

Grades 9-12

Year

This course will emphasize an introduction to the theater arts and the development of poise. Instruction will consist of acting, beginning group exercises, individual and group pantomimes and improvisations. This may culminate in the production of a musical or one-act play. Full year meets UC/CSU "f" requirement and the ten-unit AUSD Fine Arts/Foreign Language graduation requirement.

Advanced Drama

FA616

Grades 10-12

Year

Prerequisite: Successful completion of Introduction to Drama.

Individual and group acting projects in acting & directing digital film and original works, will be the focus of this class. Full year meets UC/CSU "f" requirement and the ten-unit AUSD Fine Arts/Foreign Language graduation requirement.