

HOLTEN RICHMOND MIDDLE SCHOOL

All Year Art FAQ Sheet

1. What is All Year Art?

This full year course is a foundations-based, visual arts program. It prepares students for advanced high school classes and/or those students possibly looking at a future arts career. The course incorporates academic rigor through pacing, depth, and complexity. The following description is from the HRMS Program of Studies:

Selected students participate in an all year art program that allows more in-depth explorations of all aspects of art. Students will use a variety of media as part of this visual arts experience. Art history is embedded into the AYA curriculum. This combination of art making and historical inquiry provides opportunities for young artists to strengthen their personal body of artwork.

For additional information:

https://docs.google.com/a/danvers.org/document/d/1skjfkLbivqC-9z0_-MWq5SXi4jPu4FZYx-j-AuXDbn8/edit?usp=sharing

2. What is the selection process?

The district's K-8 Art teachers work collaboratively on the selection process. They take into consideration the body of work produced by the student, work habits, and independence. In addition, every Grade 5 student completes an observation drawing during class that will be reviewed by the committee of K-8 art teachers. This drawing is part of the conversation about a student's potential to be successful in the program.

3. What is the timeline?

September- February: Elementary teacher reviews student art work

February: Students complete an observational drawing in class

March: Art Teacher Committee (K-8) meets to discuss candidates for AYA program

April: Selected student names are submitted to HRMS

June: Families of selected students are sent a notification letter

4. What other art opportunities are available at HRMS?

We have multiple opportunities for students who are not enrolled in AYA. Our other art course offerings include:

- Art (Grades 6, 7, 8)
- Draw & Paint (Grade 6)
- Sculpture (Grades 7 & 8)

These courses meet every other day for a trimester, and provide opportunities for our students to experience the visual arts during their time at HRMS. For further information, please refer to our Program of Studies, which can be found at

<http://danverspublicschools.org/holten-richmond/program-of-studies/>

In addition to the above courses, students have opportunities to come after school for either independent art work and using the art room as studio space (both art teachers are after school several days a week) or participating in one of the several after school enrichment opportunities (Photography Club, Bob Ross Paint Club, etc).