

# ART

## 7-12 STATEMENT OF PHILOSOPHY

- The art curriculum provides a sequential program of instruction in the visual arts that is available to all students.
- Both the curriculum and the instruction provided by the art department reflect high expectations for all students.
- The arts curriculum enables the students to communicate visually at a proficient level, analyze works of art competently, explore opportunities for further study and/or careers in the visual arts, and express themselves creatively in a variety of media.
- The art curriculum develops the students' skill in creating, exhibiting and evaluating works of art.
- The art curriculum promotes knowledge and understanding of historical and cultural contexts of the arts.
- The art program explores world cultures by investigating within historical, political, and environmental contexts how and why art forms develop in specific cultures, including in our contemporary world.
- Art classroom instruction encourages and actively supports students in the process of learning to value their individual cultural identities and respect those of others.
- The art program uses a variety of assessment tools to evaluate students' knowledge and capabilities.
- The art program utilizes formal tools of assessment such as critiques, portfolios, and projects, as well as informal tools of assessment including observations, self-assessments, and peer responses.
- The art curriculum provides opportunities for students to make connections among the arts, with other disciplines and with art resources in the community. The school cultivates partnerships with cultural resources within the community such as museums, performing arts organizations, college and university art departments, local artists, art councils, and local businesses.