



**FOREST LAKE AREA SCHOOLS
FOREST LAKE, MN 55025**

February 3, 2011

AGENDA ITEM: 9.12

TOPIC: SECOND READING OF NEW COURSE “ART CRAWL”

BACKGROUND: In the fall of 2010, curriculum discussions led to a .5 credit increase in the science requirement at 7th grade. This increase will take effect in fall of 2011. With the increase in 7th grade science, discussions around elective offerings at the Jr. High level led to the decision to offer 2 credits of elective choice for all 7th and 8th grade students, beginning in the fall of 2011. Elective departments have worked throughout the fall of 2010 to update current offerings or create new course offerings in elective areas. Some offerings will be tailored to mixed groups of 7th and 8th grade students, while some offerings will be offered to grade level students at either grades 7, 8 or 9.

PROCESS: Due to recent credit requirement changes at the jr. high level, the Art department has designed several new electives to provide students experiences in specific art mediums and genres. This course will provide students experiences with arts, crafts and culture from around the world. Students will learn how Arts and culture have influenced objects in every day life. The course will be offered on an every other year rotation to students in grades 7 and 8.

The School Board had the first review of this new course proposal at the January 6, 2011, meeting.

RECOMMENDATION: Approval of a new 7th and 8th grade elective course offering, “Art Crawl”, for the 2011-12 school year.



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Inspire the Learner, Ignite the Potential

Course Title: Art Crawl

Course Number:

Grade Level: 7-8

Credit Hours: .5

Course Description:

Create art as you "crawl" around the world making frequent stops in interesting places. Explore Art from regions such as Africa, China, Southeast Asia, Central America, and North America. Projects may be inspired by: Oaxacan wood carvings, masks of Africa, Chinese brush painting, Hmong story cloths, Tinglelet myths, Mexican Molos, Swedish birch bark crafts and Japanese Origami. Learn how Arts and culture have influenced objects in our everyday lives. Open to all skill levels.

*This course is offered every other year.

Prerequisite:

Articulated Agreements / College Credit(if applicable):

Alignment with Minnesota Academic Standards or national/state contest standards:

Specific Course Learner Outcomes:

Course Outline with Pacing:

Additional Information: