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Art Packet Proposal

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Dear School Board,

Minico's Art Program has been growing in popularity with students, resulting in the hiring of a third art instructor and expanding to offer several college dual-credit options through CSI. The number of students that have pre-registered to take art classes for the 25-26 school year has grown beyond capacity, resulting in four full classes (nearly 100 students) being unable to take the desired courses. Despite a growing popularity and increased number of students, we lack the adequate funding necessary to provide the materials needed for proper instruction and experience for our students.

Since the removal of class fees several years ago, it has been a struggle to provide art materials for quality instruction. We have a proposal to alleviate some of the financial burden from the district and our teachers' personal budget. We would like to create Student Art Packets that would include all the basic materials needed for that particular class. We are specifically looking to provide these packets for upper level drawing, watercolor, and painting classes. After interdepartmental discussions and opinions from our students, we have found that more than 75% of our students wish to participate in purchasing Student Art Packets.

We believe that by providing these supplies for purchase, our students will learn financial and personal responsibility for their supplies. There will be less destruction of classroom materials and students get the benefit of the art supplies being their personal property. After students purchase their Packet, they would get to keep any leftover materials as they learn to be personally responsible for supplies and resource management. If they take another class that requires similar materials, they would not need to purchase another packet unless they want to.

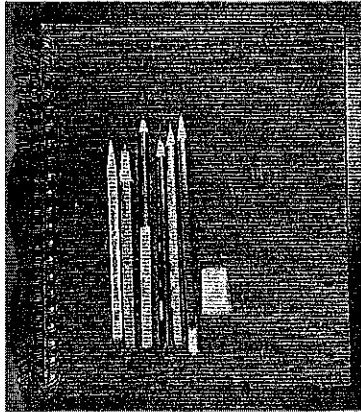
As we follow Free and Appropriate Public Education guidelines this Packet **would be available only on a voluntary basis**. We are aware that some students may choose not participate, so they would still be supplied by district funds, but would only be available in a communal, lower quality, budget supply. A list of the needed materials would also be available if parents/students would like to find their own way to acquire supplies as a third option.

We ask the School Board to approve the upfront purchase of materials that we may put together these Student Art Packets. We strive to teach our students personal resource management of quality materials and that we can afford to purchase enough supplies for the rest of our students.

Thank you for your time and consideration

-Minico Art Teachers
Eric Baird, Jared Hicks, and Sarah Sagers

Included is a list of needed materials that would supply ALL students that are registered for next year.

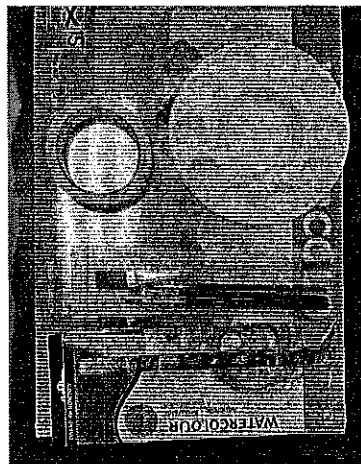


Drawing Supplies \$10

Sketchbook - \$2.25
 White Charcoal - \$1.50
 Black Charcoal - \$1.50
 Photo Blue - \$1.50
 Prismacolor Black - \$1.75
 Prismacolor ebony - \$0.85
 HB pencil - \$0.15
 Kneaded Eraser - \$0.50

Price Per Semester - \$425

Price Per Year - \$850



Watercolor Supplies \$18

15 Sheets Paper - \$7.50
 Masking Tape - \$1.50
 Palette - \$0.50
 3 Brushes - \$0.75
 Watercolor - \$7

Price Per Semester - \$936

Price per Year - \$1872



Acrylic Supplies \$20

Paint & Brushes - \$13

8 Canvas Sheets - \$7

Price Per Semester - \$1120

Price per year - \$2240

General Takeaways

- Growing Art program, we had to turn away 4 full classes of students
- Teaches students financial and personal responsibility for materials
- Alleviate financial burden of district for growing art program
- It is the students' supplies so they can take home after class ends
- Provided to purchase in class for convenience
- Class supplies list provided for students to purchase on their own as alternative
- Free and appropriate alternative for students who cannot purchase either