

# New High School Course Proposal

**New Course Title: Pre-AP Studio Art**

**Proposed New Course Number: 30260**

**PEIMS Number: 03500500**

**Prerequisites: Art 1 or Pre AP Art 1**

**Anticipated Enrollment 1<sup>st</sup> year:** 24 students or more at each High School that offers a full range of Visual Art courses

## **Course Description:**

This course will provide an in depth approach to developing skills related to drawing from observation, adept application of a broad range of media and processes, the development of personal and creative solutions to visual problems and a broad understanding of drawing, and the cultural and historical contexts that drawings are created. By the end of the course the students will complete the majority of the work for the "Breadth Section" of their AP Studio Art portfolio.

## **Needs Assessment**

The current Pre AP Art 1 course is primarily taken by 9<sup>th</sup> grade students and is a foundation art course rather than a media specific course. There are no other Pre AP art courses available for students beyond the Art 1 level and prior to taking AP Studio Art. With the introduction of the "four by four" requirements, students are now less able to fit additional elective art courses into their schedule that would otherwise allow them adequate time to complete their portfolio. This new course would provide opportunities to begin work on their portfolio, thus improving overall scores and increasing interest, enrollment and student achievement in the program.

## **Describe effect on existing academic schedule:**

Initially, the three high schools offering AP Studio Art would have one section of Pre-AP Studio Art. It would probably pull some numbers from other level 2 and 3 visual art classes (Drawing, Painting, Sculpture and

Ceramics). We would not anticipate that the course would impact other elective areas to a measureable degree.

### **Fiscal Implications:**

Textbooks, supplies and facilities that currently exist would be sufficient for the introduction of this new course. Staff that have had AP Studio Art training and are currently approved to teach AP Studio Art by the College Board would have skills and background to teach this new course effectively.

### **Expected Outcomes:**

The goal of this course is to offer students a rigorous visual art course that would bring them up to speed before they are enrolled in AP Studio Art. By adding this course the instructional gap between Pre AP Art 1 and AP Studio Art would be filled supporting the district goal of "cultivating a consistent, strong, district-wide balanced curriculum based on ongoing needs assessment". In addition, students that do not have the means or opportunity to take private art lessons would be enrolled in a media specific course with higher expectations than current offerings, thus supporting the district goal to "remain committed to providing equitable and outstanding opportunities for every student on every campus". It would allow students the opportunity to begin developing their portfolio, establish higher expectations for art work, engage in idea development, and critique as will be expected of them upon entering AP Studio Art. With this course preceding the year students are in AP Studio Art, it is probable that student achievement and retention will improve significantly.

**Approved by Campus Principal:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Approved by Program Director/Curriculum Coordinator:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Approved by Director of Secondary Curriculum:** \_\_\_\_\_