

# WCHS Visual Art Department

## Course Selection FAQs



**What course should I take if I have experience with drawing and painting?**

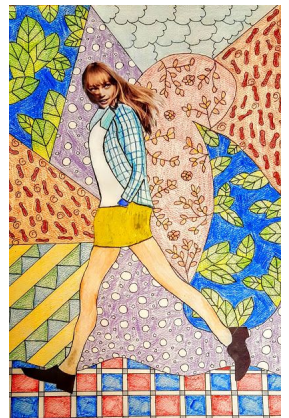
### 2-D Studio Art 1:

- Open to all students with drawing, painting, and printmaking experience
- No prerequisite needed, can take as ninth grader
- 2-D Studio Art 1 is the prerequisite for 2-D Studio Art 2 >Advanced 2-D Studio Art 3 >Advanced 2-D Studio Art 4
- 2-D Studio Art 1 and 2 are prerequisites for AP Studio Drawing
- Students who took Drawing and Design (no longer offered) take Studio Art 2

**What Visual Arts course should I take if I like fashion and drawing figures?**

### Fashion Illustration:

- Open to all students, no prerequisite needed, can take as ninth grader
- Learn to draw fashion and figures
- Prerequisite to Adv. Fashion Illustration 2



### Fashion Production:

- Open to all students, no prerequisite needed, can take as ninth grader
- Learn to sew clothing
- Prerequisite to Adv. Fashion Production 2

**What Visual Arts course should I take if I want to do something other than drawing?**



### Photography I:

- Open to all students, can take as ninth grader
- No prerequisite needed
- Do not need to own camera
- Explore the world of photography
- Learn what those settings on your camera do
- Prerequisite for Photo 2 > Adv. Photo 3 > Adv. Photo 4
- Photo 1,2 & 3 are prerequisites for AP 2-D Design

### Ceramics/ Sculpture 1:

- Open to all students, no prerequisite needed, can take as ninth grader
- Work with your hands to make 3-D functional and sculptural objects
- Great for art students who want to go to art school to get 3-D experience
- Prerequisite to Ceramics 2 > Adv. Ceramics 3& 4 > AP 3-D Design





**What Visual Arts course should I take if I enjoy working with computers?**

**Digital Art 1:**

- Open to all students, no prerequisite needed
- Can take as ninth grader
- Prerequisite to Digital Art 2> Adv. Digital Art 3 & 4> AP 2-D Design

**What course should I take if I have little to no experience with art? What course should I take if I am not sure if I want to do a full year of ceramics, photography, digital, or drawing? What course should I take if I only have a half year open for an art course?**

**Foundations of Art and Culture:**

- Open to all students without art experience
- No prerequisite needed, can take as ninth grader
- Similar to the no longer offered Art and Culture: Architecture course as we will explore various 2-D and 3-D art materials and processes from various cultures



**Is there an AP art class?**

**AP Studio Classes:**

- Students should see art teachers first with examples of their work before signing up for the class.
- Students should be at least a junior with two years of art at WCHS in the area they will take the AP course in such as 2-D Studio Art I and 2 before AP Drawing, Digital 1 and 2 or Photo1 and 2 before AP 2-D Design, or Ceramics 1 and 2 before AP 3-D Design.
- Double periods suggested but not required.

**AP Art History:**

- Open to all students, no prerequisite needed, can take as ninth grader
- Can also take as a non AP course



**Where can I see some student work completed this year?**

- Facebook: WCHS Arts Dept
- Twitter: @WchsArtsDept
- Instagram: wchs.arts.dept

**Who can I contact for more information on the visual arts program?**

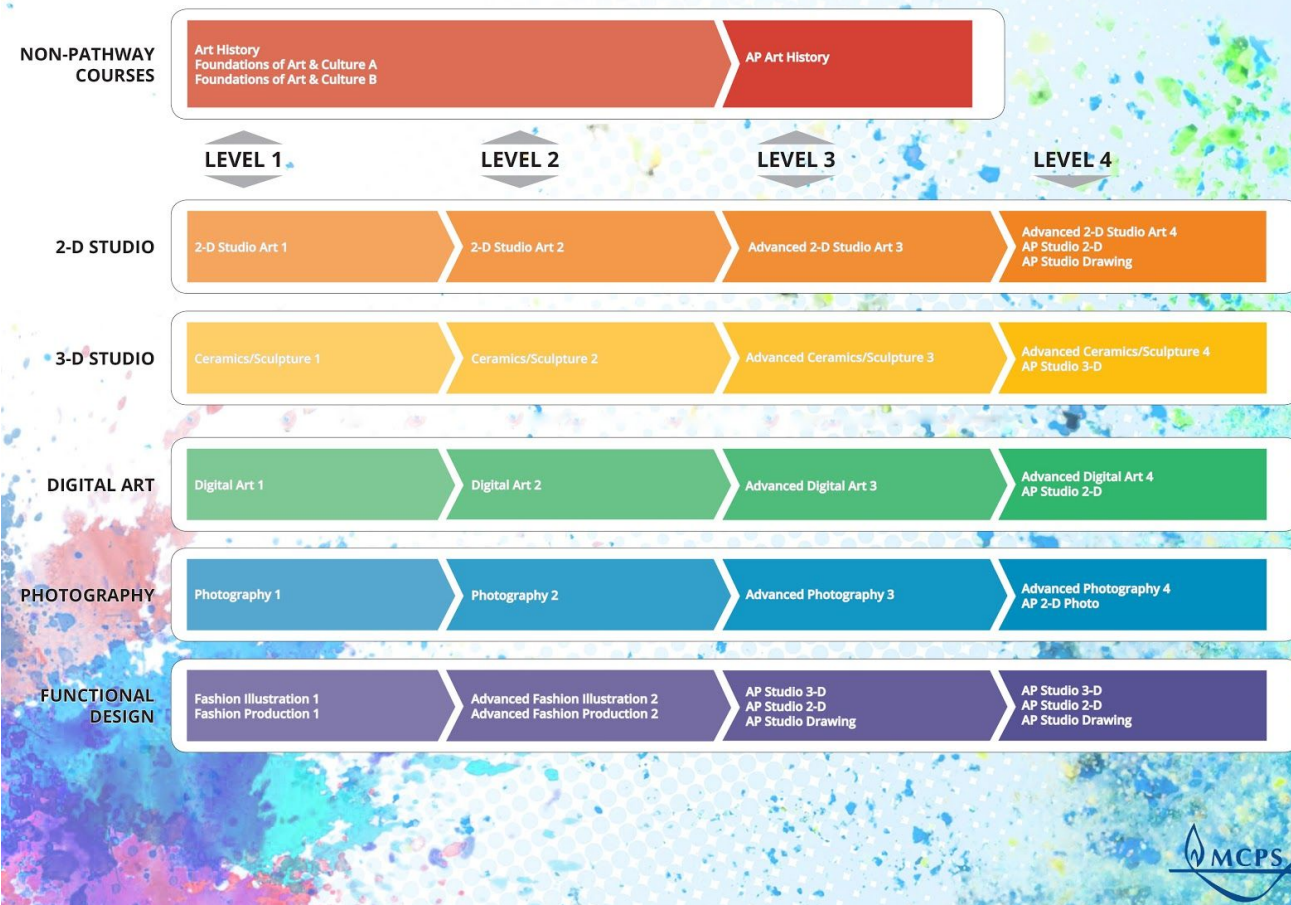
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**I have a lot of experience in art, should I take a higher level of art than level 1?**

- Visual art courses should be taken in sequence to provide students with the most appropriate instructional environment and to achieve learning goals outlined in the curriculum.
- Students in grades 9-12 with no high school art experience should begin at level 1 in the visual art sequence.

- The MCPS Visual Arts Curriculum is aligned to the National Core Fine Arts Standards and the Maryland Fine Arts Standards. These standards are sequential, build 21st century concepts and skills, and address the core competencies identified in the MCPS strategic framework.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS *High School Visual Arts Pathways*



### Why take an art class?

- “Arts education aids students in skills needed in the workplace: flexibility, the ability to solve problems and communicate, the ability to learn new skills, to be creative and innovative, and to strive for excellence.” – *Joseph M. Calahan, Director of Corporate Communications, Xerox Corporation*
- “An arts education helps build academic skills and increase academic performance, while also providing alternative opportunities to reward the skills of children who learn differently.”-*Gavin Newsom, American politician and businessman*

### What are the benefits of art education for students in many career paths?

- See this source for more information on the benefits of art education for students in many career paths:

<http://www.onlinecolleges.net/10-salient-studies-on-the-arts-in-education/>

### Are there career opportunities in visual art?

- Yes, there are many career paths for artists. See this source for more information on careers in art:<https://www.studentartguide.com/articles/art-careers-list>