2025-2026
Arts Course Catalogue
Southern Delaware School of the Arts

"Where Imagination Takes Flight"

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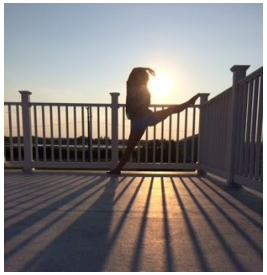

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7-8th Grade Arts Schedule

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:10-9:05 AM	Art 1	Art 1	Art 1	Art 1	Art 1
2:05-3:00 PM	Art 2	Art 2	Art 3	Art 3	Art 2

7-8th Grade Arts Rotation

Art 1 (5 Days a Week)	Art 2 (3 Days a Week)	Art 3 (2 Days a week)
Art 1	Art 2	Art 3 Set Design
Dance 1: Multi- Genre Course	Dance 2: Multi-Genre Course	Dance 3: Learning to Choreograph
Show Choir	Treble/Mixed Choir	Music Composition & Production
Acting Troupe	Music Theatre Ensemble	Stagecraft
Rock Band	Jazz Band	Concert Band

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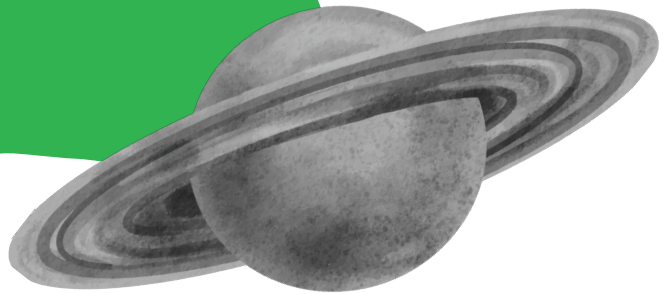
Instrumental Music	Concert Band, Jazz Band, Rock Band



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Visual Art

“Art washes away from the soul the dust of everyday life.”
— Pablo Picasso

Visual Art Class Descriptions

In **Art 1** and **Art 2**, students will learn how to see with the eyes of an artist, how to see the world differently. Students will experiment with two-dimensional art forms, such as drawing, painting, printmaking, and three-dimensional art building such as clay, paper mache, wood, and metal. There will be a heavy focus on Drawing, Art History and the Elements of Art and Principles of Design. This course is designed to prepare them with the skills and knowledge they will need if they wish to pursue Art in high school. This course is open to all students who would like to participate in a fun and creative atmosphere where they can let their individuality and creativity shine.

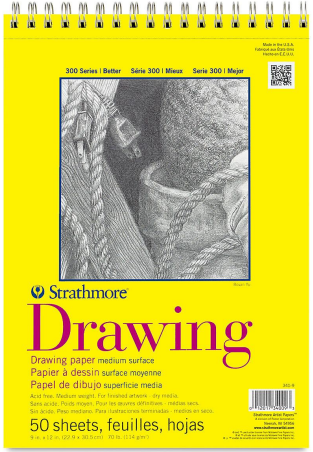
Students interested in **Art 3** will be involved in creating the set pieces for the school performances. This includes designing, preparing, and painting the stage backdrops (flats) and creating props for all the performances, with the possibility for collaboration with the other arts department in different aspects of production design.

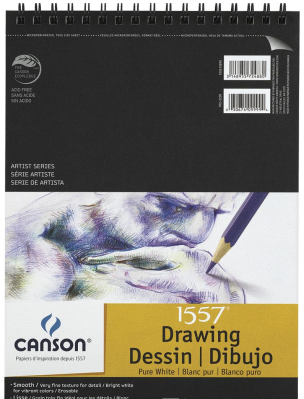
Art Class Materials

9"x12" Drawing Pad

I suggest a spiral Drawing Pad, as it will be easier to use. Please ensure the pad has white paper, not cream colored. Drawing Pads I recommend are: Strathmore Drawing 300 Series, Canson Pure White Drawing Pad, and or Artist's Loft Drawing Pad.

****Paper thickness (weight) should be around 50-80 lbs.**





Folder

All students should have a folder for Art that can be used to hold various handouts throughout the course.

HB #2 Pencils

I will have pencils in the classroom, but I have found that students prefer having their own set. My recommendation for HB #2 Pencils are Ticonderoga. If you decide to get a set of drawing/sketching pencils; Faber-Castell, Staedtler Mars, and Generals are all good brands.

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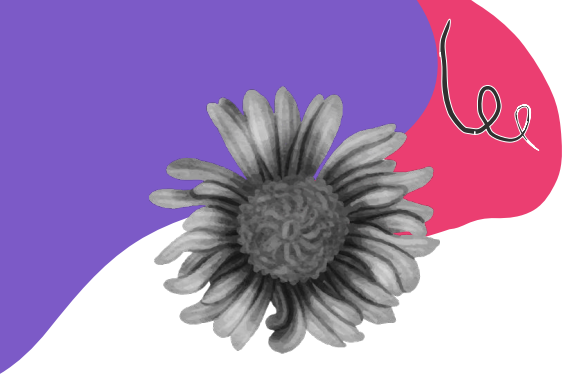
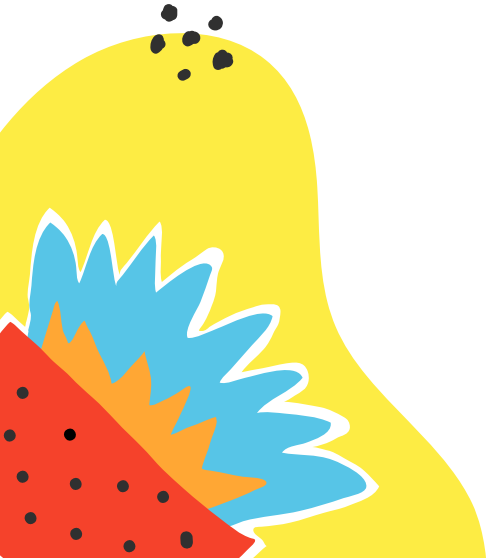
Vocal Music







“We are the music makers, and we are the dreamers of dreams.”
— Arthur O’Shaughnessy

Vocal Class Descriptions

1. **Show Choir**

This group is comprised of advanced Soprano, Alto, Tenor, and Bass Singers. This group will perform not only at our Winter and Spring Concert, but also in events outside of school including, but not limited to The Bethany Beach Tree Lighting and at Kings Dominion Amusement Park.













Vocal Class Descriptions

2. Treble/Mixed Choir

This group is comprised of beginning and advanced Soprano, Alto, and emerging Baritone voices and will perform at the Winter and Spring Concerts and community field trips..



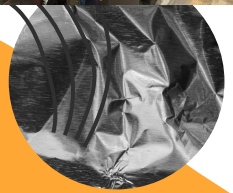
3. Music Composition & Production

This class will explore and create music compositions for video games, movies, and DJ Smash-ups through online platforms like Garage Band and Beepbox. Students will also experiment with different forms of music production. This class focuses on project-based learning.

Honors Choir Opportunities

If you are a member of a vocal music ensemble, you also have the opportunity to audition for All-County and All-State Honors Choir where you will get to take a field trip to join other elite county and state choral ensembles to rehearse for a concert with a special guest conductor.















Choral Class Materials

1" Black Three Ring Binder with pocket

Three ring binder is necessary for class to keep your music organized.
****Please do not get a binder larger than 1"**

Dividers

All students should put a pack of dividers in their folder to keep their music separated and neat. Show choir students will need at least two packs of dividers.

Pack of Multi-Colored Highlighters & Pencil

All students will need to keep a pack of highlighters in their assigned class mailbox to highlight their choral scores.

Music Composition & Production Materials

Charged Chromebook

Students will need to ensure that they bring a charged chromebook and their chromebook charger to class every day.

Headphones

All students will need to bring a pair of headphones to class every day.

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Dance

" I do not try to dance better than anyone else. I only try to dance better than myself." - Mikhail Baryshnikov

Dance Class Descriptions

Dance 01

This class will offer a variety of dance styles and techniques with two dance performances throughout the year.

Dance 02

This class will offer a variety of dance styles and techniques with two dance performances throughout the year.

Dance 03

This class will teach the methodology of learning to choreograph dances using choreographic principles and other artistic avenues. A showcase may be presented.

Dance Audition Requirements

1. Prepare and perform a solo dance piece to a song and style of your choice; maximum of two minutes in length. The song must be appropriate for a school environment. It is encouraged to demonstrate your strengths-leaps, turns, jumps, etc.
2. Dancers will be scored based on technique, musicality, preparedness, and creativity.
3. Dancers must submit a video audition to allison.bower@irsd.k12.de.us
4. Dancer should be in clothes that does not restrict movement- for example, appropriate athletic attire or dance clothes are recommended.

Class Materials
For Dance 01, 02,03

- All dance students should wear appropriate tee shirt, leggings, athletic shorts (at appropriate length)
- All dance students should have tap, jazz, and ballet shoes.
- Dance costumes and other items may need to be purchased throughout the year for performances.
- Dance 3 students should have a folder to keep choreography notes





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Theatre





Theatre Class Descriptions

Theatre Troupe

This ensemble will explore acting and production elements of the theatre, with the goal of presenting a Theatre for Youth production in our Community,

Music Theatre Ensemble

This emerging ensemble will explore the world of Musical Theatre through Acting, Singing, and Dancing, culminating in a performance.

Stagecraft

This class will explore the technical elements of theatre includings Costumes, Props, Lighting, Sound, and Hair & Makeup Design



Class Materials

3 Ring Binder
Pencils
Highlighters

MTE- Character Shoes recommended
Stagecraft- Personal Sewing kit and Makeup kit recommended
Costumes and other items may need to be purchased during the year for performances.



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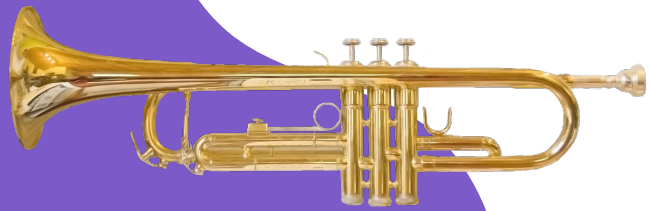
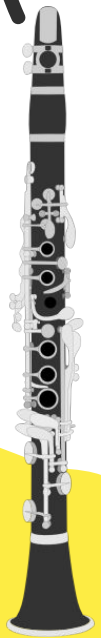
Instrumental Music





Instrumental Class Descriptions

Jazz Band

This class is for students who are interested in developing basic jazz skills through the performance of jazz literature. Instrumentation for this class includes alto sax, tenor sax, bari sax, trumpet, trombone, piano, guitar, bass guitar, and drum set. This class performs at the Winter and Spring concerts, as well as in possible community performances and at King's Dominion Theme Park.

Rock Band

This dynamic class is designed for students eager to dive into the world of rock music! You will learn essential skills in rhythm, melody, harmony, and stage presence as you explore the foundations of rock music through hands on experience. With a focus on teamwork and collaboration, you will have the opportunity to learn the guitar, bass, drums, piano, or vocals.There are about 4

Concert Band

This class is an intermediate level concert band, designed for students to build on the skills they learned in beginning band. Instrumentation includes: Flute, Clarinet, Saxophone, Trumpet, Trombone, Baritone, Tuba, and Percussion. This class performs twice per year in the Winter and Spring concerts. There is also the opportunity to become members of the County



Class Materials

Concert Band

Accent on Achievement, Book 2
Instrument and accessories
3 ring binder
Pencil

Jazz Band

Essential Elements for Jazz book
Instrument and accessories
3 ring binder
Pencil

Rock Band

Instrument and accessories
3 ring binder
Pencil

Thanks!

Do you have any questions?

Contact the main office: 302-436-1066





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