

Sculpture

Sculpture is a unique upper level art course with the objective to give art students an opportunity to be creative and to develop basic skills in three-dimensional media. Many projects stress function as well as beauty and technique. Students will watch a demonstration as an introduction to each medium then will follow a specific set of steps and use their own creativity to create unique two and three dimensional artworks.

Be aware that Sculpture is an elective studio course that carries with it some **out-of-pocket expenses for supplies**. I make every effort to keep these to a minimum. Bringing these supplies at the appropriate time is the responsibility of the student; as most projects cannot be started without supplies. **Failure to bring proper materials at the appropriate time can hinder a student from beginning assignments and directly affect the student's grade.**

Some of the projects planned for this year include: introduction to Printmaking, Textiles (including crochet, knitting on a loom, weaving, and half cross stitch), Ceramics, Stained glass, Papier-mâché, wire sculpture and others. Naturally, some projects will require more effort than others, not because they are so difficult, but because they become repetitive. **Students who develop perseverance win.** Simply put, you cannot fail if you finish and turn in each project. A's, however, require even more time, effort, and commitment. Missing class, procrastination, and failure to bring supplies will all cause an unsuccessful and unhappy year. So, being forewarned, each of you must assess yourself and make the needed adjustments for success.

GRADING:

- Project is never completed and turned in.....0%
- Project meets minimum requirements for completion, but improvements could be made to ensure neatness and craftsmanship of product.....60 to 89%
- Project is complete and **also** includes good craftsmanship, neatness, and creativity
--**beyond the minimum** requirements.....90 to 100%

- All projects are due no later than the end of that semester and will not be considered in the following semester. **All projects must be completed and meet minimum requirements to receive a grade; NO points will be given for unfinished work.**

TESTS:

- Tests, worth 100 points, will be given at the **end of each 9 week period**. Test will include an essay question/ writing prompt.
- Spelling tests over terms covered in each unit could be given per principal's request.
- Final Exams (Semester tests) are comprehensive (cover the whole semester of work), and will be **worth 20% of students semester grade.**

Parents: Please detach this portion and return it, via your student, as soon as possible, so that I may know that you have been informed about the expectations of the class. Attached is a supply list for the Textile Unit and an explanation of the Sculpture Fee. Sculpture is a semi-student funded class. Please email me if you have any questions.

Parent or Guardian signature

Phone # (daytime)

E-mail _____

Student name _____

Sculpture Supply List for Textile Unit only

1. Two or three skeins of yarn. Colors you like. Regular yarn, not thick! (Red Heart Super Saver yarn at Wal-Mart is cheapest and has a variety of colors) Avoid any Novelty yarn; it is difficult to work with.

NOTE: Don't purchase or bring to school

Optional items: (needed if you want to work on projects outside of classroom)

2. Crochet hooks size K (if you plan to crochet a beanie hat you will need one)
3. Apron to protect clothes (nothing fancy) I have a bunch of these in class; only bring if you want your own and already have one, don't buy one.

SCULPTURE FEE ADDITIONAL EXPENDITURES

Although there are many nonperishable supplies which are furnished at no charge, there are some really fun projects that couldn't get off the ground without your contribution. The following materials I purchase in bulk amounts and am able to provide to you much more cheaply than if you purchased them in individual amounts at a craft store. Materials with ** are used in the second semester.

Approx. 5 lbs. of clay and numerous colored glazes.....	4.00
Various gauges of armature wire.....	2.00
**Various stained glass sheets and all supplies involved.....	<u>6.00</u>
(solder, flux, irons, grinder bits)	Total = \$12.00

NOTE: For many students, sending a check (payable to SHS) for the total amount works out best; that way you have a record of payment and the student won't have to remember to bring the Sculpture fee each time we start a certain project. Remember, students who plan to take Sculpture for just the first semester, need to pay only \$6.00. All fees paid are carbon copy documented for my records and receipts are given to each student after payment is made.

*****Seniors reminder: all fees must be paid prior to participation in graduation activities and before a transcript can be issued.**