

San Mateo High's Visual Arts

Art Certificate Program



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The Art Certificate Program at San Mateo High School offers students an enriched experience in the arts. It provides an academic identity for those who are drawn to the visual arts. Throughout high school, Art Certificate students work on portfolios that can create opportunities for future education. Art Certificate students earn a special award at graduation.

Art Certificate students take a sequence of courses that work as a Career Pathway for careers in the visual arts. Some of their portfolio pieces, such as scientific illustration, can connect with their other studies. Other projects require museum visits or interviews with arts professionals.

Who is eligible: SMHS students

To see the Art Certificate Video go to:
<http://smhs.schoolloop.com/ElizabethYapp>
or <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC0l-Rieokg2UpjK0kYrA-1Gw>

Art Certificate Requirements:

- Take four art classes
- Make independent artworks with 1-on-1 mentoring
- Participate in award programs, exhibits, contests
- Explore a visual art career pathway
- Star in a senior solo art display
- Present a digital portfolio
- Create an artist's resume

Why it works:

Art Education teaches
“the art,” as well as valuable
21st Century skills
visualization skills
communication skills
creative problem solving
collaboration skills
time management
interdisciplinary discovery
independent practice and study