



June 1, 2023

Welcome to the Visual Arts Department at Kinder HSPVA!

My name is David Waddell. I am the Chair of the Visual Arts Department. I want to welcome you and your child to the new school year. We look forward to the 2023-24 school year.

First of all, CONGRATULATIONS! You have been accepted into a rigorous art program. You are talented and deserving of this opportunity. The audition process is strenuous and competitive. We look forward to seeing your talent blossom and evolve over the next four years. This program takes time, effort, diligence, persistence and creativity. We are excited to see your talents and contributions to the program. You will add to the legacy that makes HSPVA special.

I invite you to revisit the website and review all of the department information.

<https://www.houstonisd.org/Page/85658> You will find general information, student artworks, curriculum and the department structure. There is a download section that contains a lot of pertinent documents. Parents and students need to become familiar with the handbook. It is a tool to guide you through the next four years. The documents posted are from last year and may change slightly for the upcoming year. These will be updated by Artist Academy.

Supply check and paperwork check will be **Tuesday, September 5, 2023** at the beginning of the art block. Ms. Phillips will provide a link during the first week of school to fill out the paperwork. If you have difficulty, please email Ms. Phillips in advance of this deadline. The art department is more than happy to help.

There is a yearly Visual Arts Department fee. For 9th graders the fee is \$250 and it covers the whole year. This fee offsets the cost for replenishable items in the art department and is separate from the supply box. You may pay the fee at <https://schoolpay.com/pay/for/9th-Grade-Visual-Arts-Fee-20232024/ScztUtR>. This fee is separate from any other technology or academic fees. If you have financial difficulty that would impact your ability to pay the fee and/or purchase supplies please email Ms. Phillips at Ellen.Phillips@houstonisd.org.

The art fees have not been raised in 20+ years, thanks to HSPVA Friends and fundraising. If you would like to donate money to support another student, we are more than grateful for our "Art Angels."

Supplies

You may purchase supplies at Hobby Lobby, Michael's, Texas Art Supply, Jerry's Artorama or Amazon. Students are expected to have all supplies at school each day. When supplies run out, they are expected to replenish them. Students should put their name on everything. Sharing personal supplies is discouraged. The expectation is that students have a set of supplies and an art box at school every day. If students keep up with these, they will not have to repurchase every year and can use throughout their four years at HSPVA. If you have financial difficulty, please email Ms. Phillips in regards to the art supply box. Ellen.Phillips@houstonisd.org

In the Fall Semester, each visual art 9th grader will receive a sketchbook journal and set of colored pencils. Students are also expected to have their journal and planner at school every day.

Art Lockers

9th graders share a horizontal locker and a vertical locker with one other Visual Art 9th grader. Ms. Phillips will organize the locker situation during the first week. The Art Department will be providing ninth graders with locks for this year only.

Schedule for the Year

Students take Art Awareness, Introduction to Elements and Principles of Design Vocabulary and Practice, Design, Life Drawing and Experimental Drawing. You will have between 3-5 different art teachers in the fall. Some will be full time art teachers and others will be part-time art consultants. Your guiding teacher and ninth grade advocate is Ms. Phillips. She is the teacher of record for grades and will communicate with part-time consultants as your advocate.

Sincerely,

David Waddell

A Letter from Ms. Phillips

Dear Incoming Freshman and Parents,

My name is Ellen Phillips, I am the 9th Grade Visual Art Coordinator of the Art Department. I want to welcome each of you to the Visual Arts Department at Kinder HSPVA! We are thrilled to have you in our program. You are about to embark on one of the most exciting times of your life. I look forward to being your teacher and beginning this journey together.

A little bit about myself – I started working at HSPVA in 2018. I am an alum of the Art Department myself and have a bachelor's degree of Fine Art in Painting from the Maryland Institute College of Art. I am so appreciative of the opportunities and time that I get to spend with students in class. I teach because I believe in building community and working in an environment that encourages growth through the arts. Day to day, we are all bringing our unique selves and personal narratives to the classroom in order to learn, communicate, enrich our lives, work towards goals, and create.

While at HSPVA, I have taught classes across grade levels such as Art Awareness, Experimental Drawing, Elements and Principles of Art and Design Vocabulary, Idea Development, Junior Concerns: Drawing and Idea Development, Mixed Media Collage, Painting, and Senior Independent Studio Art.

Please reach out with any questions or concerns you have. I look forward to a spectacular year ahead!

With Kindness,
Ellen Phillips

Visual Arts Supply List

2023-2024

Supply check is August 29. All students should have supplies by then. If there is an issue, the teacher of record should be notified BEFORE this date via email/phone.

Retailer suggestions for purchasing art supplies include: Texas Art Supply, Michael's, Hobby Lobby, Jerry's Artarama, Amazon

ART SUPPLIES REQUIRED FOR **ALL** ART STUDENTS

- Folder – 1 for Departmental Papers. MUST BE 3-hole clasped OR a binder with dividers for all
- drawing board (to fit 18" x 24" paper and portable to take on fieldtrips)
- plastic toolbox (tackle box) to store and transport supplies
- roll of paper towels
- small, handheld pencil sharpener
- ebony pencils (4 minimum)
- 4 or more black felt tip markers or sharpies (one thick and one thin)(these may NOT be Micron pens
- paint brushes: Suggestions: (#1 or #2) and (#10 or #11) round, soft watercolor type and an inexpensive, 1" sponge brush
- palette knife (choose one that works for you! Can be metal or an inexpensive plastic one)
- Elmer's glue
- Exacto knife w/ #11 blade
- glue stick
- extra #11 blades
- hot glue sticks
- 12" metal ruler
- hot glue gun
- roll 1" masking tape
- White Mars Plastic Eraser
- needle nose pliers
- kneaded eraser
- 16 GB SD Memory Card for Digital Camera
- 16 GB (or larger) USB Flash Drive
- Watercolors (inexpensive pan watercolors with at least 6 colors)
- large scissors (at least 4" blades)

ART SUPPLIES REQUIRED FOR 10th, 11th & 12th GRADE STUDENTS

- combination lock for art locker
- one pair safety goggles
- shop shoes*(see below)
- tape measure
- dishwashing gloves
- For Seniors ONLY - a second 16 GB (or larger) USB FlashDrive (for Documenting Image storage)

OPTIONAL ART SUPPLIES FOR 10th, 11th & 12th GRADE STUDENTS

- Staple gun (& staples)
- Hammer
- Flat blade screwdriver
- Philips screwdriver
- Utility knife and blades
- Lino cut tool (with multiple blades) optional: to complete work at home, we cannot check these items out
- Etching scribe optional: to complete work at home, we cannot check these items out
- Fabric scissors

Art Supply Notes:

- The supply list is extensive, and we recognize that the materials are a major investment. However, if students take care of these items from year to year, they should only have to replenish the expendable supplies.
- Keep in mind, some art courses are individualized, and additional supplies may be required.
- Many of these supplies are available at discount home centers, hardware and art supply stores. Look for student grade (NOT professional)!

ALL REQUIRED MATERIALS MUST BE REPLENISHED BY THE STUDENT WHEN USED, LOST OR BROKEN.

*Please note: "shop shoes" must be closed-toed, sturdy uppers: leather work type shoes. Students will not be able to work in the shop in flip flops, shoes made of flammable synthetic materials, soft canvas type shoes or shoes that do not adequately cover the feet. Even if a student just needs to use the shop to build a stretcher for painting or printmaking or needs to perform any other activity in the shop or courtyard, they are required to have shoes that will protect their feet.