

Supplies for Freshman Year/Visual Arts Program

Supplies for this year are minimal. You will need the following items on the first day of school. Put your name on everything except the erasers.

- Sketchbook/journal – get a blank paged sketchbook with either a wire spiral or sewn binding. Avoid the sketchbooks that have a glued binding – they fall apart too easily. The size should be around 9”x12”, nothing smaller. It should be small enough for you to easily carry around with you, in your book bag or by hand because you will be carrying it from home to school and back again every day. **PUT YOUR FIRST AND LAST NAME ON THE OUTSIDE FRONT COVER OF THIS BOOK IN A COLOR THAT CAN BE EASILY SEEN.**
- Drawing pencils – you will need at least three drawing pencils, a 6B, 4B, and HB. These codes simply signify different degrees of darkness a pencil can make. If you can’t find the exact number (you can find a 3B instead of a 4B) get whatever is close.
- Charcoal pencils – get three charcoal pencils for your homework. They are usually labeled the same way the drawing pencils are labeled. Buy three different degrees of darkness.
- Erasers – you will need two different kinds of erasers, a kneaded eraser and a white vinyl eraser (something like a Magic Rub from Office Depot).
- A box (tackle box) or pencil case in which to keep your materials. Write your name on the outside.
- 2 rolls of masking tape 1” wide. Write your name on the flat side of the rolls.
- 1 small pocket-sized pencil sharpener
- 1 can of Workable Spray Fixative (or 1 can of Aqua Net hair spray) – to be kept home until you need it
- Drawing board – this drawing board must support an 18”x24” paper, therefore it must be larger than that size (approximately 24” x 26” or larger). A purchased drawing board from an art store, a piece of masonite or smooth plywood can all work. Make sure there is some kind of handle cut into/attached to the board for carrying easily, or be sure it fits comfortable under your arm. You will be using this board for both class art and home art. **PUT YOUR FIRST AND LAST NAME ON THE BACK OF THIS BOARD LARGE ENOUGH TO EASILY READ.**
 - Some students prefer to have 2 boards, one for homework and 1 for classwork. This can be helpful but is not required
- A portfolio case – you made a portfolio case for your audition last January. If you don’t want to use that, bring in a folder piece of cardboard (or buy a paper portfolio, the kind with a flap and plastic handles) that is large enough to protect an 24”x31” paper. Do not, under any circumstances, try to talk your parents into getting you a professional black leather portfolio case. You will be collecting your finished artwork in this portfolio case because you will have a portfolio review at the end of the year and you will want to keep your work in good condition. **PUT YOUR FIRST AND LAST NAME ON THE OUTSIDE OF THIS CASE.** Can you see there is a pattern here?

These materials can be found in stores like AC Moore, Michael’s, Office Depot, Staples, Maryland Institute Bookstore, Dick Blick, Pla-Za Art Materials.