

Dos Pueblos High School

Visual Arts Department



Freehand Drawing: In this course students learn the essentials of drawing and painting from observation using a variety of media and techniques. Students learn about art as a visual conversation between all cultures through all times in history and explore many different art forms from abstraction to realism.

Color and Design: This course is perfect for students who have never picked up a brush and experienced artists who want to refine their skills. Learning is project-based and introduces to students new art techniques, art concepts, art history, art contests, and art careers.

Photography: Students learn how to manipulate the settings of a camera, both digitally and with film. They are taught all of the foundational genres of photography. We also learn lighting and post production in Photoshop and Lightroom. Students also exhibit their artwork in a public community.

Ceramics: Ceramics is a project based class where students are challenged to create both functional and non functional artwork. Students learn how to throw on the potter's wheel, sculpt in clay, use many of our large studio tools, as well as learn about the history of ceramics in art.

Digital Art: This is a SBCC-Dual-Enrollment course where students will learn how to use the programs PhotoShop and Illustrator. The class is focused on creating high quality works of art that can prepare students for art careers such as marketing, digital design, graphics, and web design. This class is also part of the Media, Arts, and Entertainment CTE (Career Technical Education) Pathway.

IB and AP Visual Art: This is a two-year course that students usually take their Junior and Senior year. Besides working to develop deeper skills in observational drawing and painting, students work to develop a concentration. A concentration is a body of work in a media and technique of the students' choosing that explores a visual theme or idea in a creative way. Some students in this class go on to study in art schools and pursue careers in the art and design sector.