

Visual, Performing, Applied Arts

Applied Arts-CAD

CAD I-Elective 9th-12th grade (1 credit)

CAD I is a computer-aided design class exploring the 2-D and 3-D capabilities of the Auto CAD program. Students have the opportunity to utilize Auto CAD in various projects involving machine design and architectural design.

CAD II-Elective 10th-12th grade (1 credit)

CAD II is an advanced computer-aided design course further exploring architectural and mechanical topics beyond those covered in Cad I. The class emphasizes 3-D modeling and multiple detail assembly drawings.

Prerequisites: Successful completion of CAD I

CAD III- Elective 11th-12th grade (1 credit)

This third year CAD program is designated for students interested in pursuing careers that utilize computer-aided design. Students will further explore computer-aided design applications independently. CAD III students will have access to Auto CAD Architectural Desktop, Mechanical Desktop, and Inventor software.

Prerequisites: Successful completion CAD I and CAD II

Art Courses

Painting – Elective 9th - 12th grade (1 credit) offered 2012-13

Course is designed to introduce students to a variety of painting techniques, tools and supplies. We will explore watercolors, acrylics, oils, inks and experimentation with other paint media. Although we will use various surfaces for our paintings, for canvas panels, will need to be supplied over the course of the year.

Art I-Elective 9th-12th grade (1 credit)

This first year art program is text based and takes the art student through a variety of mediums while incorporating the elements and principles of art.

Art II- Elective 10th-12th grade (1 credit)

This second year art program is designed for students who want to continue the exploration of art with the knowledge gained in art one.

Prerequisite: successful completion of Art I

Art III- Elective 11th-12th grade (1 credit)

This third year art program is meant for students who plan to continue their art education after graduation. The main focus of this year is to explore art more independently.

Prerequisite: successful completion of Art I and II

Art IV-Elective 12th grade (1 credit)

This fourth year art program is to guide art students in the process of creating their artistic style through more independent studio work.

Performing Arts

Drama -Elective 9th-12th grade (1 credit)

New students will explore on-stage disciplines, including improvisation, blocking, and pantomime. In addition, the backstage craft will be explored. Each student will learn about make-up, set design, and staging. Returning students work independently on set construction, props, and costuming. Each semester will have similar, yet different focuses. First semester students are required to participate to some degree in a stage production. Second semester students help with the preparation of the spring shows: A Renaissance Dinner and a Musical.6

Instrumental Music

Senior High Band

This ensemble is open to all interested woodwind, brass, and percussion players and will have an emphasis on learning diverse instrumental literature. General focuses will include high-level proficiency in technique and tone and increased proficiency in expressive playing and intonation as a part of an ensemble. Private lessons are encouraged. There will be several required performance throughout the year.

The Senior Band will act as Marching Band for part of the first semester.

Members can expect to participate in 5 half-time performances and a parade.

Prerequisite: Four years of experience or by audition.

Junior High Band (7th and 8th Grade)

In this ensemble class, students will continue the development of the skills and concepts learned in the fundamental band. Students will continue to develop cooperative skills in playing together as an ensemble and will also exercise skills in leadership, citizenship, listening and self-discipline. There will be several required performances throughout the year.

Prerequisite: Sixth grade band (however, any student that would like to learn how to play an instrument could begin at this level but would need to take private lessons)

Fundamental Band (6th Grade)

This ensemble class will reinforce basic concepts of music through performance with wind and percussion instruments. Students will read and perform basic melodies in an ensemble and as individuals, assess musical performances and learn the basics of composition and history. Through these experiences, students will gain proficiency on an instrument of their choice. There will be several required performances throughout the year.

HS Jazz Band

This is an advanced ensemble that will focus on jazz performance. In this ensemble class, students will develop advanced proficiency in technique, tone, intonation and expressive playing in an ensemble and will study jazz performance, improvisation, and the history of jazz. There will be several required performances throughout the year.

Prerequisite: Proficiency on instrument and invitation by instructor

Vocal Music

Senior Choir-Elective 9th-12th grade (1 credit)

Choir is a continuation of vocal music instruction that started in the sixth grade. It is possible to begin choir during any year in grades 9th-12th. Choir is a yearlong class. The student must have a desire to sing all types of music including classical, jazz, pop, etc. in preparation for many different occasions. All choir members perform in concerts, Food with Friends, Festivals, some sporting events, and other community functions.

Successful completion of this course requires attendance at ALL performances.

Journalism

Journalism (Yearbook)-Elective (by permission only)

Yearbook is operated as a mini-business and is designed to produce the National and State Award-Winning Brecksonian High School Yearbook. All aspects of publishing a yearbook are covered. These include: organization of the staff, advertising and finance, cover design, theme, layout, copy writing, photography, sales and distribution.

An application MUST be completed before permission is considered.

Broadcasting

Broadcast Video Production-Elective

In this class, you will develop skills to produce pre-recorded and live broadcasts of school events. Students will learn various computer programs to broadcast the sporting events and other activities as well as video editing software. Broadcasting is a project-based class, which means attendance is **mandatory at all school events you are assigned.**

Clubs and Organizations in the Visual, Performing, Applied Arts

Breckenridge Vocal Ensemble

This group is formally known as "Madrigals" or "The Group" and is an extra-curricular activity that meets after school hours. Students must audition for a place in this vocal ensemble. This Ensemble performs all types of vocal music for school and community events and may be made up of a variety of voice types (i.e. all men, all women, or mixed group).

Drama Club

Members of Drama Club are provided a number of opportunities to participate in drama activities and events, such as Drama Day and Workshops that exist outside of school. Members also participate in school related productions, such as the school musical and the Annual Renaissance Dinner.

Pep Band

This group performs many times during the school year for community activities, school functions, district and state contests, and special performances. Individual growth and achievement are encouraged through participation in adjudicated solo and ensemble contests, honor bands, and private lessons.