

2015-2016 VISUAL ART AT CASCO BAY

At Casco Bay High, the State of Maine Visual Art Standards are used to introduce the theories and processes of art making. Students will learn about the Elements of Art and Principles of Design, and use creative problem solving to design, create and analyze quality works of art. Traditional materials such as pen and ink, charcoal, paint, paper mache and collage will be used as well as mixed media and non-traditional materials and processes.. This course has a focus on contemporary art.

What's different about art at Casco Bay?

At Casco Bay an emphasis is placed on creating art that addresses issues in the contemporary world and that has a strong personal connection. Investigations often take place through Grade 9 Expeditions or in partnership with other subject areas. Students will be asked to consider critical questions such as: *What is the role of the artist in changing society? What inspires me to create? How can I convey my ideas through art?*

Content Standards:

Media, Tools and Techniques

- Understand and demonstrate how to use a variety of materials
- Understand the use of traditional and non-traditional materials by contemporary artists

Creative Problem-Solving Skills

- Develop and refine original ideas from sketches
- Solve problems creatively by taking risks and trying multiple solutions

Design and Create

- Learn to design and create original works of art using the Elements of Art and Principles of Design
- Create unique, high quality art

Reasoning/Thinking Skills

- Analyze the quality of your work using the Elements of Art and Principles of design
- Revise ideas through reflection, analysis and peer reviews
- Reflect meaningfully on the process of art making and the quality of your work

Art History

- Demonstrate an understanding of contemporary art
- Understand how contemporary artists are inspired by the work of artists from other time periods