



Bridges Career Academy Visual Arts

Pine River – Backus High School

Engage in creative thinking and problem solving while developing skills across a wide variety of artistic disciplines including drawing, painting, printmaking, sculpture, photography and movie making.

Academic Courses

- Drawing Concepts and Techniques
- Painting
- Ceramics and Sculpture
- Printmaking
- Media Arts

Career Experiences

- Tour local businesses
- Listen to industry speakers
- Attend the Bridges Career Exploration Day or other regional career fairs
- Participate in hands-on activities

Completion Standards

COMPLETE

3 of 5
courses

GRADES **B+** 

Earn a **certificate**
and **green cord**
at graduation



Job Skills

In addition to having technical skills, employers expect workers in this industry to have these skills:

- Critical thinking skills
- Ability to work with customers
- Problem solving
- Decision making skills
- Managing art supplies and materials

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The Visual Arts Academy offers students the opportunity to engage in creative thinking and problem solving as they develop their skills across a wide variety of artistic disciplines including drawing, painting, printmaking, sculpture, photography and movie making. Students who enjoy being creative and are possibly interested in a future in the artistic and media professions should enroll in this academy.

ACADEMY COURSES

Drawing Concepts and Techniques — 1 High School Credit

This course is designed to teach different drawing techniques such as crosshatching, and pointillism. Different concepts such as one and two point perspective and use of a grid will be covered. A variety of art media such as oil pastels and pencil will be used to create compositions while incorporating the art elements and principles.

Painting — 1 High School Credit

In this course, students will develop painting skills while working in acrylic, watercolor and mixed media. Students will work with a variety of subject matter such as portraiture, still life and landscape as well as various styles such as realism, abstraction and non-objective art.

Ceramics and Sculpture — 1 High School Credit

This course provides students the opportunity to develop their creative skills through working with three-dimensional media including papier mache, clay, wire and felt. Students will also be exposed to contemporary and historical sculpture artists.

Printmaking — 1 High School Credit

Through this course, students will learn the necessary technical skills and processes for creating different types of printing plates and prints. Relief surface, intaglio and monoprint are some of the techniques that will be covered.

Media Arts — 1 High School Credit

Through this course, students will work with visual imagery, sound, movement, storytelling and technology as they work with the media of photography and movie making. Students will also create works of art using the iPad.

COMPLETION STANDARD

Students wishing to receive a certification for this academy must complete three of the five Academy courses. Students must also earn a grade point average of: B+ or better in each course.

CAREER EXPERIENCES

Students will be exposed to new art methods by meeting with local artists, tour local art businesses in addition to the hands-on activities using a variety of art mediums and attend the Bridges Career Exploration Day event and other regional career fairs. While visiting local artists in their studios, students will learn methods of self-promotion for artistic work.

JOB SKILLS

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- Critical thinking skills
- Ability to work with customers
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