

The Art Program at Provo Canyon School



The art program at Provo Canyon School offers a broad exposure to the discipline. The subjects taught include Ceramics, Sculpture, Drawing, Painting, Art Foundations 1 and 2, Commercial Art and Design, and Interior Design. The program is based on a focus of art production with emphasis on Discipline Based Art Education. This includes Art History, Art Aesthetics, and Art Criticism, along with the production of Art.



Hands on experience for the students are excellent therapy within itself, and the feeling of accomplishment is a great reward.



I find as a teacher that it is important to show examples, demonstrate, and give constructive criticism to guide the blossoming student artist. I have high expectations of my students; I push them to do better, and it pays off when I see the marvelous outcome of their work. One of the most thrilling experiences for me as a teacher is to see the creativity of a student's effort end in an outstanding finish.

When I teach a new technique such as watercolor or oriental brush painting I demonstrate and then have them practice each technique. After spending time practicing and when they are ready, they do their final painting applying the skills they have learned.

I have them work from real life models and examples in both two dimensional and three dimensional art production. When working with clay, either in sculpture or pottery, they learn by demonstration, and then they receive ongoing personal attention, and constructive criticism.



There is a term "I can't" which is not allowed in the art room. Even students that have never attempted or had any experience in art production have been surprised with their personal results.



In Art Foundations we study the elements and principles of art, Art History, Art Aesthetics, and Art criticism. In Art History we study different period of Art throughout the history of man. After learning about the time periods we do art production relating to that time and style.



Student Comments:

R.S. - Being here at PCS in Ms. Lindsey's painting class, she really brought out the artistic side of my personality. I never thought it would be possible for me to draw or paint anything and have it resemble what I wanted it to be. With Ms. Lindsey's help, I made it possible.

D.B. - I really enjoy art class. It is my most favorite class. I have had the best experiences in learning all the different techniques in all the different works of art.

A.F. - I don't think I would have had this much experience with clay and sculpture at a normal public school.

S.P. - Provo Canyon School has a great education system. The teachers here are so much more than just teachers. They'll sit and talk to you, help you out and try to work with you. They hand out assignments to help you think over the choices you've made. All of the teachers are a huge support and help me to not only accomplish good grades for now, but to be successful later in life. The art program has taught me so much, I've never gotten this much hands on experience in an art class before. It is fun and educational all at the same time.

C.F. - In all my old art classes they had us draw things; they gave us paper and would tell us to draw a person for example. They wouldn't really instruct us or guide us. Here at PCS, Ms. Lindsey actually gives us hands on experience and she guides us. Sometimes it is frustrating trying to make things look right but in the end with Ms. Lindsey's guidance we are able to make accomplishments and do fun things.

L.B. - I was someone who never thought I could paint. Well, when my teacher told me that I need to draw, I said, "I can't". Well, Ms. Lindsey told me I can't say "I can't". I ask for help a lot because I always need to know how I'm doing on my work. Well, now if you looked at my paintings you would think I am a regular Picasso.

S.B. - My experience in this class is great. We do ceramics, masks, sculpture, print making, and many other fun things. I've learned so much.

C.D. - Ms. Lindsey has helped me greatly in developing my style, and technique. She has assisted me in creating the bulk of the work which I plan to use in my portfolio.

M.C. - The art program here is awesome. Not only do you get to do art, you learn about the artists also. Ms. Lindsey is an amazing teacher and makes art fun. It has broadened my horizons about art, all thanks to Ms. Lindsey.

N.B. - When I first went to school I really didn't like it or in another words, never found it interesting, but when I came to PCS and found that they had a ceramics class I started to go to school and liking it just because of the ceramics class in Ms. Lindsey's room. I thank her for inspiring me to go to school and finding interests that I like to do.

K.H. - This art class has given me the opportunity to express myself through my art work. I've learned that art goes deeper than the canvas, paint or glaze. Art travels back to thousands of year ago. Everything from slaves building Egyptian pyramids and objects to put in the tombs, to the Greeks building pots and decorating them with scenes from everyday life. I learned about different people and their different ways of life. I learned about the Etruscans, Greeks, Chinese, and many others in history. I learned art is original and unique. Not one piece of art is exactly like another. I've made beautiful designs such as a creative tea pot, and even a miniature beach house out of clay. Things I never even imagined I could make. This class has allowed me to widen my imagination and creativity. If I had to use one word to describe these classes it would be.. amazing!

S.M. - My experience in art class at PCS has been great. I have been able to connect with my creative side and my self worth has been enhanced. Ms. Lindsey's class not only inspires me to try hard but it makes me want to excel in my artistic performance.