

High School Portfolios



Students interested in applying for honors or advanced art programs in High School should consider creating extra projects outside of school to build a portfolio of work that best represents your skill and style. Below is a list of ideas, topics and inspiration for potential projects. Some were found on the internet, some created by me. If you need any help developing an idea for a project, please feel free to see me at school or email me (lkiedaisch5628@olvfp.org). Art recess is also always open on Tuesdays, and I would be happy to help you work on a project for your portfolio.

A portfolio should highlight a range of different materials, ideas and subject matter. It should consist of 10-12 pieces of art. Craftsmanship is key! Do not submit anything that is crinkled or dirty. If you would like help deciding which pieces to include in your portfolio, please do not hesitate to ask me. If you are more comfortable taking pictures of your work to show me rather than bringing it all in, feel free to show me the pictures during recess.

Topics/Themes/Subject Matter:

- Three unlikely objects arranged together
- The inside of something unexpected
- Design a new brand/product (i.e. a new brand of shampoo. What would the labels/object/bottle look like? Create an advertisement to be displayed with it)
- Re-design the cover of your favorite book.
- Interpret/Draw the lyrics of your favorite song/poem
- Draw someone in an unusual pose
- Draw a self-portrait with an odd facial expression
- Draw/paint your favorite food
- Paint/Draw a bowl of fruit, using each object's COMPLEMENTARY color to color it
- Draw an animal doing something only a human could do
- Use interesting/symbolic lettering to write your name
- Create a character. Draw the design, and create it in clay (polymer clay is oven-baked) or other sculptural materials
- Illustrate the cooking/baking process of your favorite food
- Create a sculpture using everyday objects (i.e. toothpicks)
- Illustrate your wildest dream
- Draw your bedroom/design your ideal bedroom (use perspective!)