



# Visual Arts Career Pathway

Education Planning Guide for Middle School and Beyond



This Career Pathway, along with other career planning materials, serves as a guide to assist students in the Auburn School District in developing a relevant middle-to-high school plan that will prepare them for further education and/or employment in the **Skilled and Technical Sciences Career Cluster**. The career pathway outlined below can be individualized to meet each learner's education and career goals. It allows students to earn high school credits while completing coursework in middle school, earn college credits while completing coursework within high school, and apply those credits toward attainment of a college certificate and/or degree. It is important to share and review this plan with a parent/guardian and school counselor.

| EDUCATION LEVELS  | GRADE  | English/<br>Language Arts   | Social Studies                           | Science                             | Math                      | Other Required Courses<br>Other Electives<br>Recommended Electives<br>Learner Activities<br>Leadership Activities | Career & Technical Courses<br>And/or Degree Major Courses | Auburn School District<br>Graduation Requirements  |   |
|---|--|---|--|-------------------------------------|---------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| <i>Interest Inventory Administered and Plan of Study Initiated for all Learners</i> |  |   |  |                                     |                           |   |   |  |   |
| <b>MS</b>   | <b>8</b>   | Successfully complete required coursework for 6th, 7th and 8th grade, and these electives → |  |                                     |                           | Art, STEM Fundamentals of IT, STEM Visual Communication, STEM Mechatronics  |   |  | <u>Credit Requirements</u><br>(24.0 credits total):<br><br>4.0 credits - English<br>3.0 credits - Social Studies<br>3.0 credits – Math<br>3.0 credits - Science<br>1.5 credits – Fitness<br>0.5 credits – Health<br>2.0 credits – Arts **<br>2.0 credits – World Language **<br>1.0 credits – Career and Technical<br>4.0 credits - Electives<br><br><u>Additional Requirements:</u><br><br>• High School and Beyond Plan<br>• Culminating Project/Portfolio<br>• Certificate of Academic Achievement or Approved Alternative |
|   | <b>9</b>   | Language Arts   | (.5) World Studies or AP Human Geography | Science (1.0) Next Gen or Biology   | Algebra I                 | (2.0) Credit from Fine Arts or Course Equivalencies   | Orientation or Career Choices                             |  |   |
|   | <b>10</b>  | Language Arts   | Global Issues (.5) or AP Euro            | Science (1.0) Next Gen or Chemistry | Geometry                  |   | (.5) 10th Grade Health                                    | <b>Choose 2.0 Credits to be a Program Completer</b><br><b>Art: Advanced 1, 2, 3, 4</b><br><b>AP Studio Art</b><br><b>Ceramics: 1, Advanced, Digital Photography</b><br><b>Drawing 1*, 2*</b><br><b>Fabric Design 1, &amp; Advanced Fashion Apparel &amp; Design</b><br><b>Graphic Design &amp; Production: 1*, 2*, &amp; Contract Study, Jewelry/Small Metal, Sculpture: 1,2,3,4</b><br><b>Jewelry Manufacturing</b><br><b>Contract Study, Painting</b><br><b>Sculpture 2-D Art</b><br><b>Visual Communications 1, 2, &amp; Contract Study</b> |   |
|   | <b>11</b>  | American Literature 1, 2  | U. S. History or AP U. S. History        | Chemistry                           | Advanced Algebra and Trig |   | (1.5) Credits From Fitness Courses                        |  |   |
|   | <b>College Placement Assessments–Academic/Career Advisement Provided</b> |   |  |                                     |                           |   |   |  |   |
| <b>12</b>   | Senior English Electives   | Civics (.5) and Elective (.5) or AP American Government (1.0)                               | Physics or AP Biology or AP Chemistry    | AP Statistics or Pre-Calculus       |                           |   |   |  |   |

\*Students who earn a “C” or better in the above (\*) courses may be eligible for college credit. See page 3 for more information. \*\*Credits may be applied in a chosen career pathway.





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| <b>POST SECONDARY</b> | <p>The Post-High School program options listed below for this Career Pathway represents just some examples of options available within the Puget Sound area, including programs where agreements for dual credit exist between the college and school district. For other options available related to this program of study, <b>visit your career center or the websites of local colleges.</b></p> |  |
|                       | <b>Apprenticeship Opportunities</b>  | <p>To learn more about apprenticeships in this program, go to: <a href="#">Apprenticeship Registration &amp; Tracking</a><br/>           Examples: Photography, Film Industry, Graphic Arts Technician, Painter and Decorator, Sign and Pictorial Painter</p>  |
|                       | <b>Earn Certificate and Enter Workforce</b>  | <p>To learn more about certificate programs, go to: <a href="#">Renton Technical College</a> , <a href="#">Green River College</a> , <a href="#">Seattle Central College</a><br/>           Examples: Arts, Ceramics, Photography, Filmmaking, Graphic Design</p>  |
|                       | <b>Military</b>  | <p>To learn more about Military education and training programs, go to: <a href="#">todaysmilitary.com</a> , <a href="#">defense.gov</a></p>   |
|                       | <b>Associate Degree Transitions</b>  | <p>To learn more about Associate degrees, go to: <a href="#">Green River College</a> , <a href="#">Highline College</a>, <a href="#">Seattle Central College</a> , <a href="#">North Seattle College</a><br/>           Examples: Fine Arts</p>  |
|                       | <b>4 year University</b>   | <p>To learn more about Bachelor and beyond degrees, go to: <a href="#">University of Washington</a>, <a href="#">Washington State University</a> , <a href="#">Central Washington University</a>, <a href="#">Cornish College of the Arts</a> , <a href="#">Eastern Washington University</a>, <a href="#">Western Washington University</a><br/>           Examples: Art, Art History &amp; Design, Art &amp; Art History</p> |

**Students intending to earn an Associate Degree and transition to a 4-year University can use the below section to list appropriate classes.**

| COURSE CODE | CREDIT | COURSE NAME | COURSE CODE | CREDIT | COURSE NAME |
|-------------|--------|-------------|-------------|--------|-------------|
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Visual Arts students develop, explore and refine skills in a specific art form. Students will learn to apply the creative process, use the elements of design in their projects as well as the evolution of the art form and its influence on culture.

### Occupational Information

The following represent occupations within this field and their average annual earnings and openings based on data from the Washington State Employment Security Department. For more information about these and other occupations within this field, go to <https://esd.wa.gov/labormarketinfo>

| <u>Occupation</u>   | <u>Washington State Projected Openings</u> |                 |
|---|--|-----------------|
|   | <u>2016-2026</u>                           | <u>Earnings</u> |
| Multimedia Artists and Animators                              | 348  | \$ 69,418 yr.   |
| Graphic Designers   | 340  | \$ 53,593 yr.   |
| Art Directors   | 84   | \$100,212 yr.   |
| Fine Artists, Including Painters, Sculptors, and Illustrators | 56   | \$ 70,782 yr.   |
| Commercial and Industrial Designer                            | 37   | \$ 60,099 yr.   |
| Craft Artists   | 17   | \$ 36,501 yr.   |
| Curators  | 11   | \$ 54,394 yr.   |
| Set and Exhibit Designers                                     | 3  | \$ 44,396 yr.   |
| Art Gallery Curator   |  | \$ 54,393 yr.   |
| Jewelry Designer  |  | \$ 44,795 yr.   |
| Photographer  |  | \$ 30,950 yr.   |

### Post-High School Connections

The following courses within this program of study may be eligible for college credit at several local colleges if students earn a “C” or better:

| <u>High School Course</u> | <u>Credits Possible</u> | <u>College</u>             | <u>College Course</u> |
|---------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|
| Graphic Design 1, 2       | 5                       | Highline Community College | VICOM 110             |
| Drawing 1, 2              | 5                       | Highline Community College | VICOM 132             |

### Student Leadership Development

Art Club and VisCom Club provide leadership development opportunities for students in high school.

For information about this leadership opportunity, talk with a Career and Technical Education Instructor.

### Scholarship Opportunities

For local, state, and national scholarship opportunities, please visit your counseling and/or career center, Career Cruising [www.CareerCruising.com](http://www.CareerCruising.com), WOIS [www.wois.org](http://www.wois.org), [thecareermap.org](http://thecareermap.org) or Fast Web [www.FastWeb.com](http://www.FastWeb.com)

For more information about this Career Pathway, contact an instructor, a school counselor or a career specialist.

