**AP Studio Art- Course Description**

*Warren Mott High School Visual Arts*

***Ms. Fernandez***

**AP Studio Art** is designed for serious students who are intent on developing mastery in the concept, composition and execution of their drawing, painting or 3-D ideas. They may choose to concentrate in one of 3 areas: *Drawing, 2 Dimensional Design or 3 Dimensional Design*. Students will also prepare 8 works of art for the Scholastic Art Competition with completion by the end of December, as well. Throughout the process, students will assemble a body of art work that demonstrates a high level of quality and growth over time in content, technique, and process. The portfolio will represent the areas of: **Quality, Concentration** and **Breadth** as described in the AP Studio Art Poster. The AP exam is not based upon a written exam but rather a portfolio of 24 art works are submitted to the College Board the 1st week in May for the possibility of earning college credit.

**Students who are considering taking AP Art should be aware of the following:**

* To be successful in completing AP Studio Art, it is highly recommended students should have successfully completed a *minimum* of Art Foundations and 1 year of either Drawing and Painting or 3-D Design.
* AP Studio Art applicants will meet with Ms. Fernandez or Mr. Stratton for a portfolio review before acceptance into the AP Studio Art course.
* Upon acceptance into AP Studio Art, you will be asked to sign a work contract. The work contract will spell out class expectations and requirements.
* Students will be expected to complete 10 high quality pieces of art during the summer before entering the AP Studio Art course.
* AP Studio Art work is created primarily through independent study.

The Art Department will make every attempt to provide the necessary materials for student work. If a student is determined to create art with an expensive medium, that is not part of the general art budget, it will be incumbent upon the student to provide those materials at their own expense.

**Course Goals** (*from the AP Studio Art Course Description)*

To encourage creative and systematic investigation of formal and conceptual issues in the visual arts.

-To encourage making art as an ongoing process that involves the student in informed and critical decision making to develop ideation.

-To help students develop technical skills and familiarize them with the functions of the visual elements

-To encourage students to become independent thinkers who will contribute inventively and critically to their culture through the making of art.

*Direct any questions you have regarding AP Art to Ms. Fernandez in room 131.*