# Bridges Career Academy
# Visual Arts
## *Little Falls High School*

Build skills for career in the visual arts. Understand the demands of a career in the art field and prepare for the rigorous expectations of a degree in visual arts -- with an emphasis on creative development, problem solving, and project-based work.

## Academic Courses

- Ceramics I or Ceramics II
- Drawing I or Drawing II
- Watercolor Painting
- Acrylic Painting
- Community Art
- Digital Photography
- Advanced Studio Art
- Advanced Digital Photography

## Career Experiences

- Learn from industry speakers
- Attend the Bridges Career Exploration Day or other regional career fairs
- Work with local businesses/school
- Tour local businesses

## Completion Standards

**COMPLETE**
- ☑ 2 of 8 courses
- ☑ + one adv course

**GRADES** B↑

**ATTENDANCE** 90%

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

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## Job Skills

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

- Ability to work with customers and coordinating with other employees
- Critical thinking, problem solving and decision-making skills
- Managing equipment and software
- Listening skills

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The Visual Arts Academy prepares students for career fields in the visual arts.  With an emphasis on creative development, problem solving, and project-based work, this academy will help students understand the demands of a career in the art field and prepare them for the rigorous expectations of a degree in visual arts. Students with creative skills and are interested in being part of the ever-changing visual arts job opportunities should enroll in this Academy.

## ACADEMY COURSES
*Select two courses:*

**Ceramics I** — .5 High School Credit
Introduction to 3-deiensional media.  Students learn the elements and principles of pottery and sculpture using them to create hand-built projects using clay and various materials.

**Ceramics II** — .5 High School Credit
In this course students will learn to use a variety of software to create and design print and digital multimedia projects. Students will be exposed to topics such as presentations, video slideshows, video editing, desktop publishing, and Web design. Through these projects, they will learn to work with, edit, and combine images, audio, and videos.

**Drawing I — *.5 High School Credit***
First year of drawing.  Skills from direct observation, still-life, landscape and architectural forms will be emphasized along with further understanding of design principles, critical thinking and problem solving. Concepts and techniques of black and white mediums will be a focus.  Students will explore a variety of mediums including pencils, ink, charcoal and pastel.

**Drawing II** — .5 High School Credit
Students will explore new mediums and techniques using color while focusing on compositional elements of design and strengthening problem-solving skills. Personal style will evolve as students experiment more in-depth throughout this course.

**Watercolor Painting** — .5 High School Credit
This in-depth study of watercolor painting exposes students to the various watercolor techniques to further and understanding of the medium.

**Acrylic Painting** — .5 High School Credit
Acrylic painting as a medium of expression is the focus of the course.  Technical skills and techniques will be taught and developed through the course. Color theory, perception, composition and specific techniques in handling acrylics will be developed.

**Community Art** — .5 High School Credit
This course is designed to allow students an opportunity to participate in a group art project that will be displayed in the school and/or community for many years to come.  This class will create a work of art in one of the following areas: mural, mosaic or sculpture.

**Digital Photography** — .5 High School Credit
Students learn the basics of photography including composition and exposure. Photos will be enhanced using Abode Photoshop Elements and learn the technology behind the camera.

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**ACADEMY COURSES**
*Select one course:*

**Advanced Studio Art** — .5 High School Credit
This course is designed as an in-depth independent study in one of the following areas: drawing, painting, design, pottery, sculpture, mural art, photography or video production. Students will explore a theme in art that will unity their projects. Students must be responsible and motivated to succeed in this environment.

**Advanced Digital Photography** — .5 High School Credit
This class will cover advanced topics in digital photography and is designed for students who have completed Digital Photography are eager to learn more.

**COMPLETION STANDARD**
Students wishing to receive a certification for this academy must take a combination of at least 2 of the first 8 courses listed and either Advanced Art Studio OR Advanced Digital Photo while earning a 'B' or better in each course. In addition, students must maintain a '90%' or better attendance in each course.

**CAREER EXPERIENCES**
Students will explore and research careers with industry speakers, participate in Bridges Career Exploration Day and other career fairs, tour local businesses, in addition to the hands-on activities using a variety of software, photo alteration programs. Highlights will be the development of personal art pieces.

**JOB SKILLS**
In addition to having technical skills, employers expect their workers to have other skills such as:
- Listening skills
- Ability to work with customers and coordinating with other employees
- Critical thinking, problem solving and decision-making skills
- Managing equipment and software
- Employing necessary academic skills, such as math, grammar and technology

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