

# If you want to pursue an art degree...

## 9<sup>th</sup> grade:

- Take Studio in Art
- Draw from life (on your own)
- Fill up a sketchbook (sketching and doodling is VERY valuable- don't get stuck thinking that every time you put pencil to paper you have to make a finished masterpiece- consider sketching "practice drawing" go outside , go to the mall, go to the zoo, sit in your room and draw people, objects, animals buildings)
- Work on your own personal art work several times a week
- Go to Art Galleries (local or when on vacation, small and big, jot down things you like to look up later)
- Attend Lancaster Art Openings at the Central Avenue Gallery (see signs in halls or Arts Academy web site for dates and times)
- Submit work to Central Avenue shows when possible (see signs in halls or Arts Academy web site for dates and times)
- Apply for the Academy of the Visual and Performing Arts
- Participate in one or more extracurricular Art activities: (Yearbook, Art Club, Design Club and Art Honor Society with advisor permission)
- Start an excel spreadsheet of activities, art exhibits you have participated in, art contests you have received awards in, community service, non- art awards, etc. – include dates
- Build relationships with teachers and artists – for advice and letters of recommendation in the future
- Consider participating in a summer art program or camp- New York State Summer School for the Arts NYSSSA
- Make or purchase a large folder/ portfolio to save ALL your artwork in

## 10<sup>th</sup> grade:

- Take Drawing and Painting, Academy Members take AVPA Art Seminar, look into other electives that fit your interests if you have available time in your schedule (see art careers spreadsheet for help)
- Draw from life (on your own)
- Fill up another sketchbook (continue sketching and doodling, but consider exploring color, personal style, and composition)
- Work on your own personal art work several times a week
- Go to Art Galleries (local or when on vacation, small or big, jot down things you like to look up later)
- Attend Lancaster Art Openings at the Central Avenue Gallery (see signs in halls or Arts Academy web site for dates and times)
- Submit work to Central Avenue shows when possible (see signs in halls or Arts Academy web site for dates and times)
- Participate in one or more extracurricular Art activities: (Yearbook, Art Club, Design Club and Art Honor Society)
- Continue to update your excel spreadsheet of activities, art exhibits you have participated in, art contests you have received awards in, community service, non- art awards, etc. – include dates
- Continue to build relationships with teachers and artists – for advice and letters of recommendation in the future
- AVPA students display artwork in academy exhibits
- Invest in a good quality art supplies – check with your art teachers first!
- Participate in a summer art program or camp- New York State Summer School for the Arts (NYSSSA), SCAD, PRATT, SVA or other college prep programs
- Check portfolio requirements at prospective colleges
- Create your professional resume
- Continue adding artwork to your portfolio (especially drawings from life)

## 11<sup>th</sup> grade:

- Take Portfolio Development, look into other electives that fit your interests if you have available time in your schedule (see art careers spreadsheet for help)
- Draw from life (on your own)
- Fill up another sketchbook (continue sketching and doodling, but consider exploring wet media, developing personal style, and composition)

- Work on your own personal art work several times a week
- Go to Art Galleries (local or when on vacation, small or big, jot down things you like to look up later)
- Attend Lancaster Art Openings at the Central Avenue Gallery (see signs in halls or Arts Academy web site for dates and times)
- Submit work to Central Avenue shows when possible (see signs in halls or Arts Academy web site for dates and times)
- Participate in one or more extracurricular Art activities: (Yearbook, Art Club, Design Club and Art Honor Society)
- Continue to update your excel spreadsheet of activities, art exhibits you have participated in, art contests you have received awards in, community service, non- art awards, etc. – include dates
- Continue to build relationships with teachers and artists – for advice and letters of recommendation in the future
- AVPA students display artwork in academy exhibits
- Invest in a good quality art supplies – check with your art teachers first!
- Participate in a summer art program or camp- New York State Summer School for the Arts (NYSSSA), SCAD, PRATT, SVA or other college prep programs
- Check portfolio requirements at prospective colleges
- AVPA students take CEIP Internship either junior or senior year
- Update your professional resume
- Continue adding artwork to your portfolio (especially drawings from life)
- Start looking into scholarship requirements
- Take the SAT and/or ACT
- Visit prospective colleges, meet with professors and ask them questions (consider doing this when LHS is off of school, but colleges are in session ie.: late August, Presidents Week break, Spring Break)

#### **12<sup>th</sup> grade:**

- Take AP Studio in Drawing, look into other electives that fit your interests if you have available time in your schedule (see art careers spreadsheet for help)
- Draw from life (on your own)
- Fill up another sketchbook (AP students consider and explore ideas and concepts for senior concentration)
- Work on your own personal art work several times a week
- Go to Art Galleries (local or when on vacation, small or big, jot down things you like to look up later)
- Attend Lancaster Art Openings at the Central Avenue Gallery (see signs in halls or Arts Academy web site for dates and times)
- Submit work to Central Avenue shows when possible (see signs in halls or Arts Academy web site for dates and times)
- Participate in one or more extracurricular Art activities: (Yearbook, Art Club, Design Club and Art Honor Society)
- Continue to update your excel spreadsheet of activities, art exhibits you have participated in, art contests you have received awards in, community service, non- art awards, etc. – include dates
- AVPA students display artwork in Senior Arts Academy exhibit
- Check portfolio requirements at prospective colleges
- Update/finalize your professional resume
- Add artwork and finalize portfolio based on college requirements
- Start looking into scholarship requirements
- Take the SAT and/or ACT
- Visit prospective colleges, meet with professors and ask them questions
- AVPA students take CEIP Internship either junior or senior year
- Complete college applications (apply to the college AND the art program)
- Schedule portfolio reviews at prospective colleges
- Ask for letters of recommendation
- Apply for scholarships, be aware of the due dates
- Keep track of the portfolio requirements for each college, some will require actual artworks be submitted others will ask for your work to be photographed
- Get involved in the community by assisting at elementary schools, teaching lessons, volunteering, etc.