



Arts/Wellness Department

Art Curricula Grades 6-8



Norwell Public Schools' grade 6-8 art curriculum is aligned to the [Massachusetts Arts Curriculum Framework](#), last revised in 1999, through its exploratory sixth grade art class and its seventh and eighth grade 2D and 3D art classes. The art program at Norwell Middle School is designed to address students at the developmental level specified by the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education as *by the end of grade 8*, and to prepare them with the technical and expressive skills necessary to continue the study of visual art at the high school level.

Norwell Middle School strives to have students work in a variety of media to produce two- and three-dimensional art, including drawing, painting, sculpture, ceramics and technology as a means of building confidence and better self-expression. Students expand their creativity, imagination and an understanding of art. They gain perspective through the analysis of various art forms. Art students have opportunities at various times during the year to display their work around the school. All students are encouraged to visit local art museums and galleries. All students are encouraged to do their best, present their work with pride, and respect the efforts of their peers.

The **Arts/Wellness Department** believes that students proficient in the visual arts should have the opportunity to engage meaningfully with visual art through the four processes summarized best by the 2016 [National Core Arts Anchor Standards](#).

- **Creating:** Conceiving and developing new artistic ideas and work.
- **Presenting:** Interpreting and sharing artistic work.
- **Responding:** Understanding and evaluating how the arts convey meaning.
- **Connecting:** Relating artistic ideas and work with personal meaning and external context.

Grade 6	Grade 7	Grade 8
Art	2D Art 3D Art	2D Art 3D Art

[1999 Massachusetts Arts Curriculum Framework](#)
[2016 National Core Arts Standards](#)

[Norwell Middle School Program of Studies](#) provides more detailed information about courses, expectations and opportunities.