

Gifted and Talented
Art Program

Application Packet

2014-2015

Applications are due by **THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9**

RETURN TO ANY ART TEACHER AT BJHS

**BRUNSWICK JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL
65 COLUMBIA AVENUE
BRUNSWICK, MAINE 04011**

GT Art Program

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Dear Parent or Guardian:

Your child has expressed interest (or has been nominated for consideration) in the Gifted and Talented Art Program at Brunswick Junior High School. This program is designed to meet the needs of students who are Gifted and Talented in the Visual Arts in accordance with Chapter 104 and the Maine Learning Results.

Participants in the GT Art Program will be offered exciting and meaningful opportunities to enrich, nurture, and explore their artistic skills and appreciation for the Visual Arts. This year's opportunities may include field trips to local and regional art museums, visits to artists' studios, and in-depth hands-on art experiences. Students selected for participation in the GT Art Program will be pulled from their regular school schedule several times during the school year for day-long art events, such as field trips, and will be offered other in-depth art opportunities. Participating students will be responsible for completing any school work missed as a result of participation in the program.

Application to the GT Art Program is open to all grade levels, but room in the program is extremely limited, and is intended for those students who show significant talent and potential in the visual arts. The application process includes the creation of an art portfolio and an artist statement – this year the Art Department will offer after-school help and info sessions for these requirements. Help sessions will be after school in Ms. Bucknam's room on Tuesday 9/23 and Thursday 9/25 and will end at 3:30. The help sessions are intended to answer questions about what to include in the art portfolio and how to write an artist statement.

Directions for each portion of the application are included in this packet. Applications will be objectively reviewed by the GT Art committee. Applications are confidential. Students wishing to be considered for the GT Art Program must turn in an application **each year** they wish to participate.

Application packets are due THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9, and can be turned in to any art teacher at Brunswick Junior High. Applications will then be reviewed by the GT Art Program committee, and parents/guardians will be mailed notification of a student's standing in the program no later than Friday, October 24.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact an art teacher:

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GT Art Program Application.

Dear Student,

Please complete all 3 parts of the application (Portfolio, Artist's Statement, signed Permission Slip) before returning it to any art teacher at BJHS.

1. Portfolio

Your portfolio should include **5-7 works of art** that are the best examples of original work created by you within the last 16 months. We are looking to see that your portfolio shows BREADTH (include a variety of kinds of work such as drawing, sculpture, collage, painting, etc.) and DEPTH (include work that shows you have a deep interest or focus in a chosen material or subject).

High-quality, high-resolution photographs of artworks are acceptable, if the actual artwork cannot be brought in. All artwork will be returned to the student at the end of the portfolio review process. Announcements will be made at school when portfolios are ready for pickup.

Artworks in the Portfolio may include, but are not limited to:

- Works of art created in class
- Works of art created outside of school
- Drawings from observation and/or imagination
- Paintings
- Prints
- Collage/Mixed Media
- Examples or photographs of sculptures
- Artistic photographs
- Original designs for theatrical sets
- Original fashion/costume designs
- Architectural drawings
- Electronic works of art (animation, digitally created drawings, creative digital video productions or interactive media works)

Artworks in the Portfolio may NOT include:

- A craft or class project that is identical to the work of other students
- Artwork made from a commercially produced kit
- Artwork made from published material (coloring books, paint-by-number)
- Traced, photocopied, or otherwise plagiarized artwork

Portfolio evaluation will be based on the criteria found on the sample rubric (attached).

2. Artist's Statement

Please write an Artist's Statement that in some way talks about the following topics:

- Why do you like art?
- Why is art an important part of your life?
- Share a memorable art experience you've had.
- Is there a particular type of art you are drawn to more strongly than others (drawing, clay, photography, etc.)? If so, what do you like about it?
- What art experiences have you had outside of school art classes?
- Do you make art on your own?
- What plans do you have for the future that include art?

Artist's Statement evaluation will be based on the criteria found on the sample rubric (attached).

Artist's Statements will **NOT** be evaluated on mechanics (spelling, grammar, punctuation, handwriting, etc.), but should express clarity and maturity of thought and a sense of individuality and personal voice.

Typed and printed Artist's Statements are preferred, but the following forms are also acceptable, and will not lower a student's likelihood of being accepted into the GT Art Program: neatly handwritten on lined paper, video/audio recording, digital presentations (such as iMovie, Keynote, etc.), email, shared with an art teacher on Google Drive.

If submitting digitally (email, Google Drive), please check email addresses for typos, and follow up to make sure it was received by the deadline.

3. Parent/Guardian Permission

By signing this form, you give the GT Art Program Committee permission to screen/assess/evaluate your child based on the application materials provided.

**PERMISSION TO SCREEN/ASSESS
(TO BE FILLED OUT BY A PARENT/GUARDIAN)**

I give permission for my child _____ to be screened/assessed/evaluated for possible participation in the Gifted and Talented Art Program.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Parent/Guardian Name Printed

Date

Contact information of Parent/Guardian

Address

Email Address

Phone Number

Application Checklist – **APPLICATIONS ARE DUE THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9**

Student Name _____

Grade Level _____

Advisor _____

Permission signed by parent

Portfolio

Artist's Statement