

## Talent Assessment Requirements for Visual Art

The art assessment is two part: portfolio and on-site.

**Portfolio Assessment:** Portfolios are a collection of artworks that demonstrate the varied artistic skills of the student. Portfolios will be brought to the home campus art instructor to photograph for submission to the assessment panel.

NOTE: students that fail to submit a portfolio will not be eligible to participate in the assessment.

- Portfolios should include:
  - approximately 5-10 works of art.
  - artwork with the student's name, school and the age they were when each artwork was created on the back of the artwork.
  - artwork that reflects the student's art abilities (not the abilities of others).
  - artwork that exemplifies quality and natural ability (The campus art instructor may help you select work for the portfolio.).
  - artwork that shows the student's ability to work and create on their own.
  - artwork made at home, or under the direction of a qualified teacher during art class at school or lessons outside of school.
- Portfolios should NOT include:
  - artwork that was traced or created from pre-made coloring worksheets.
  - artwork created by or through prompted direction from parents, older siblings, internet how to draw videos or any other person.
  - Artworks that are low quality such as quick scribbles or fast drawings.
- Possible artworks include but are not limited to: drawings, paintings, photography, digital art, weavings, pottery, mixed media and sculpture.
- Possible art materials may include but are not limited to: pencil markers, crayons, oil or chalk pastels, colored pencils, paint, textiles and clay.
- Possible topics for art may include but are not limited to: people, animals, plants, buildings, landscapes, seascapes and cityscapes.
- If the student uses a sketchbook on a regular basis, please include it in the portfolio.
- If the student has created sculptures that are large, fragile or otherwise hard to transport then photos may be submitted.
- Portfolios may be presented in a simple manila file folder, a colored pocket folder, or in between a sheet of poster board that has been folded in half. Expensive portfolio cases are not necessary. Small sculptures may be in a box.

**On-site Assessment:** Students will be required to complete two on-site art assignments as part of the assessment at the home campus. This is not something the student will prepare for in advance. All supplies will be provided.

For more information call the Gifted and Talented Office (972)487-3193

**NOTE:** The Art Assessment Panel reserves the right to disqualify any student portfolio consisting of artwork aided by parents, professionals, or any person other than the student being assessed. The Assessment Panel also reserves the right to disqualify a student portfolio if the skill level of the on-site art assignment is substantially different from the skill level of the artwork contained in the student portfolio.