

SCHOOL MISSION STATEMENT

Providence Academy

Providence Academy equips students to achieve academic excellence and spiritual maturity through a biblically-based, Christ-centered, classical education, so they will think and live in a manner which brings glory to God.

FINE ARTS DEPARTMENT PURPOSE STATEMENT

The purpose of the Providence Academy Fine Arts department is to develop within students a love for and an appreciation of the visual, aural, and dramatic arts and to allow and encourage students to discover, develop, and demonstrate their God-given talents through the Fine Arts. Our desire is to equip and engage students to pursue Truth, Beauty, and Goodness in all of their artistic endeavors and to assist them in developing criteria to evaluate art, drama, and music from a standpoint which mirrors the goodness of the Gospel. We seek to help students understand the beauty and wonders of God's creation through broad and in-depth studies of various topics within the Fine Arts disciplines. We also endeavor to equip our students to recognize that art, drama, and music are, first of all, gifts of God which enrich the life of every believer. The Fine Arts are also effective tools with which our students can worship, praise, and exalt God, encourage and edify the body of Christ, and proclaim the Gospel message through artistic endeavors. Emphasis will be placed upon the creation of art, participation in dramatic performances, singing and playing musical instruments in order to praise and glorify God through these activities. Students will be encouraged to reclaim and restore the Arts for the cause of Christ within the context of a biblical worldview.

Fine Arts Capstone Objectives

Through completing our Fine Arts course work with its emphasis on developing artistic and aesthetic fluency in the context of a biblical worldview, our students will be better able to

1. Develop an appreciation of truth, beauty, and goodness that exists in many avenues of artistic endeavor
2. Evaluate and analyze any artistic work or performance based on the work's inherent values
3. Apply acquired knowledge to evaluate and critique the artistic and biblical integrity of unfamiliar art, music, and dramatic forms
4. Exhibit creative thinking and problem-solving skills
5. Understand the principles that govern the elements of the Fine Arts
6. Analyze the visual and performing arts and their effects on the individual and on culture at large
7. Creatively develop, demonstrate, and nourish their individual God-given talents

FINE ARTS DEPARTMENT GOALS

The student will:

1. **Relate the Bible to Art, Drama, and Music (Eccl. 3:11)**
2. **Apply biblical principles to the personal use of the Fine Arts (Col. 3:23-24)**

3. Recognize that the Fine Arts is an expression of praise and devotion to God
4. Participate in art shows, dramatic performances, and musical performances that glorify and exalt God and reflect the talents and gifts He has given to the student (**2 Tim. 1:6**)
5. Master basic art, drama, and music principles and skills by the end of eighth grade
6. Utilize art, drama, and music skills as an aid for learning and for success in life
7. Analyze art, drama, and music for their genre, form, style, and biblical principles (**Phil. 4:8**)
8. Become familiar with basic artistic “literacy”: artists, dramatists, works, trends, “schools”
9. Correlate specific artistic media with their related history, society, and philosophy, including integration with the humanities
10. Appreciate the role of Christians in the history and development of the artistic community
11. Appreciate the value of the Fine Arts to the Christian and daily life
- 12. Develop a love for God’s gift of the Fine Arts, an appreciation of Art, Drama and Music as gifts that God has given to mankind in general and to himself/herself uniquely**