



Fine Arts



Discovery Middle School



What are fine arts like?

*Do we get
grades?*

**Yes! Each class
will give grades.**

*Is it a
class?*

**Yes! Fine arts classes are
during the school day!**

*Do I need
experience?*

**Beginners are welcome at
every level!**

DMS  CHORUS

Chorus/Choir

Beginning Soprano Alto (SA) Chorus

- 6th-8th Grade
- Year long

Intermediate SA Chorus

- 6th-8th Grade
- Year long

Advanced SA Chorus

- 6th-8th Grade
- Year long
- Auditioned

Beginning Tenor Bass (TB) Chorus

- 6th-8th Grade
- Year long

Intermediate TB Chorus

- 6th-8th Grade
- Year long

Advanced TB Chorus

- 6th-8th Grade
- Year long
- Auditioned

Discovery Middle School
1304 Hughes Rd

Calling All Singers



Love to sing?

Sign up for Chorus at DMS!

Voice Placement

In person: April 7 3:45-4:15 pm
at Discovery Chorus room OR

Online: scan QR code



All students who sign up will be
placed in a choir!

Questions? Email Mrs. Bounds:
enbounds@madisoncity.k12.al.us

You can come
in person if
you don't
want to
submit a
digital voice
placement!



Choir class requires a “voice placement” so you are put in the correct section! You can attend in person or complete the google form here:



Choir Fee



Choir Fee: \$40/year

Miscellaneous fees occur based on students' need/interest: Formal DMS Choir Uniforms, DMS Choir T-shirts, optional All-State Festival, Madison County Honor Choirs & Spring Trips

Fundraiser opportunities are available! Students can use part of fundraiser profits to help pay any Choir expenses.



Chorus Info:



Performance Opportunities: Veterans' Day, End of semester concerts (Winter & Spring), State Choral Performance Assessment (SCPA), Madison County Honor Choir, All-State Auditions & Festival, Solo & Ensemble, Awards Day, Spring Competition Trip

After School Commitments: VERY RARE! Winter Concert & Spring Concert are performed at night. Otherwise, only optional activities require after school rehearsals or performances.

Competitions: All-State Auditions, Solo & Ensemble, SCPA, Young Voices Festival, Spring Trip

“NOTE” worthy:

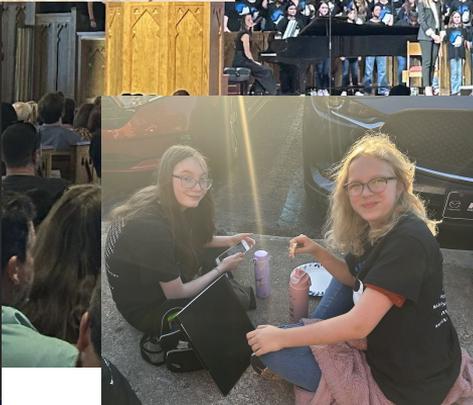
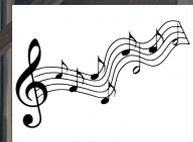


- **Interested in two year-long class commitments? It IS possible!** Contact Mrs. Bounds (or Mrs. Merritt) if you would like to take Band and Choir, Yearbook and Choir, etc.
- **Travel opportunities** you will not want to miss!
- Singing in Choir creates an immediate **sense of belonging, offers new opportunities for learning, encourages student engagement, promotes academic achievement & develops success skills.**
- The **expression** of singing together has the power to lift spirits. It is a beautiful **creative outlet** plus it's just **fun!**





You belong in
Chorus!





Theatre

Theatre

Beginning Theatre

- 6th-8th Grade
- 1 Term

Intermediate Theatre

- 7th & 8th Grade
- 1 Semester
- Pre-Req: Beg. TH

Technical Theatre

- 7th & 8th Grade
- 1 Term
- Pre-Req: Beg. TH

Advanced Theatre

- Open to 6th-8th
- *Audition Only*
- 1 Semester

Drama and Theatre:

Beginning Theatre: Students get an introduction to theatre through exercises, research, improv, scripted scenes, theatrical makeup, costume and prop management, and participate in small class productions.

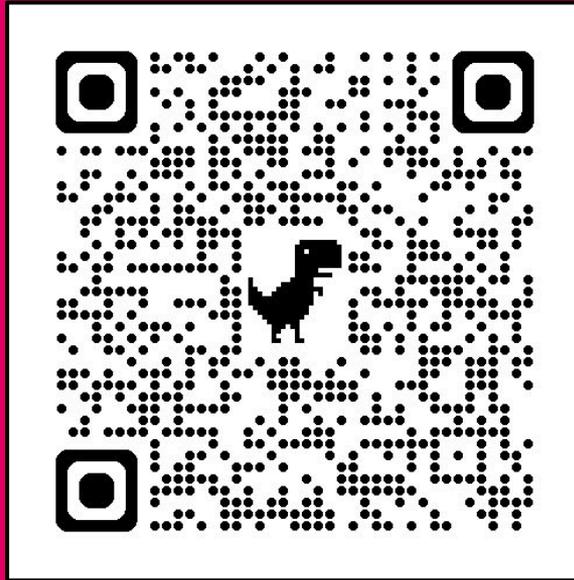
Intermediate Theatre: Students continue activities from beginning theatre such as improv and class performances but the big project is producing a one-act show for the public!

Advanced Theatre: Student must audition for this class which revolves mostly around producing a public performance!



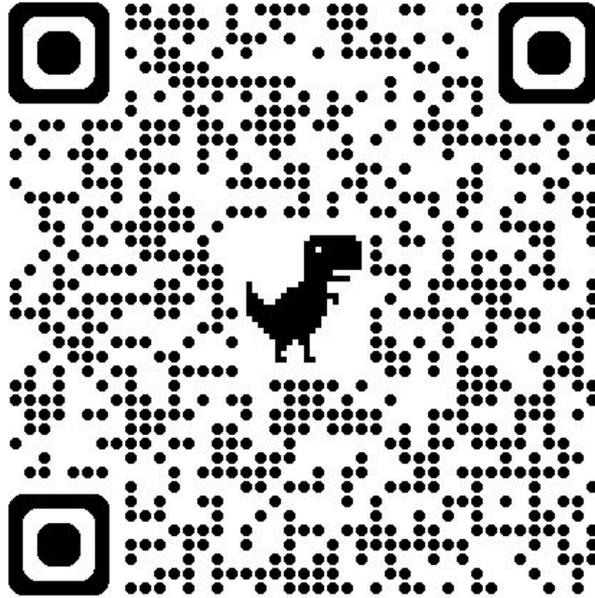
Advanced Theater Audition Info here

DMS Advanced Theatre Audition form 26-27



Drama Club

Sign up and info here!





Join Theatre!



Band



Band



Beginner Band

- 6th - 8th Grade
- Year
- **Brass, Woodwind or Percussion**

Concert Band

- 6th - 8th Grade*
- Year

Symphonic Band

- 6th - 8th Grade*
- Year
- *Audition Only*

*Prior experience necessary for these



Join the band!

WWW.DMSBANDS.ORG
bit.ly/mcsnewtoband



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and

YOU
CAN DO
BOTH!

BAND AND _____

BAND AND ARCHERY
BAND AND SPORTS
BAND AND CHEER
BAND AND COLOR GUARD
BAND AND CROSS COUNTRY
BAND AND HONOR SOCIETY
BAND AND JS2S
BAND AND CHESS
AND MORE!



Band Info:

Performance Opportunities:

Beginner Band: End of semester concerts (Winter & Spring), Optional Solo and Ensemble -- That's it! **The rest is a daily class!**

Opportunities open up with Intermediate/Advanced:

Football games, Veterans' Day, End of semester concerts (Winter & Spring), State Music Performance Assessment (MPA), Cobwebs & Cocoa Halloween Concert, Honor Bands, All-State Auditions & Festival, Solo & Ensemble, Awards Day, Spring Competition Trip, etc!



After School Commitments:

Very RARE! Winter Concert & Spring Concert are performed at night. There are no regular after school rehearsals for beginner band! Give band a try!

NOTEworthy:



- Travel opportunities you will *not* want to miss! We take a big spring trip each year to **Orlando, Florida** with many of our concert/symphonic band students!
- You get to come try all the instruments at our “**instrument petting zoo**” so you can see what instrument you are built for! This helps us sort you into classes.
- A great way to get involved and make lots of friends right away!
- Fundraisers are available to help offset costs! *No worries!!*
- Fine arts are some of the few classes you can stay involved in all the way through high school! A 7 year commitment is a GREAT thing!

Come and join our band **FAMILY!**



Which instrument will
choose YOU?



instrument
"The ~~wand~~
chooses
the
student
~~wizard~~,
Mr. Potter."

Discovery Beginning Band

Instrument Petting Zoo Nights

April 14th or 16th, 2026 in the DMS Band room! Sign up!

DMS Beginner Band - Instrument Petting Zoo!

Sign up to try out the instruments and see if you'd like to be placed into Beginner Band for the 2025-2026 year! If you know what you want to play, or want to try them all, come to the Petting Zoo and see us!



Contact Mrs. Merritt or
Mrs. Janzen (info@dmsbands.org)
For more information!



See Try Play Hear

Join the band!



Visual Art



Visual Art



Intro to Visual Art

- 6th Grade
- 1 Term

Intermediate Art

- 7th & 8th Grade
- 1 Term

Advanced Art

- *Portfolio Application Required*
- 7th & 8th Grade
- 1 Semester

3D Art / Sculpture

- *Intro to Visual Art Required*
- 7th & 8th Grade
- 1 Term

Interior Design

- 7th & 8th Grade
- 1 Term

What art materials will I get to experience ?

Clay, Acrylic Paint, Color Pencils, Oil Pastel, Papier Mache, Chalk Pastel, India Ink, Printmaking Supplies, Watercolor, Hot Glue, Charcoal



INTRODUCTION TO ART

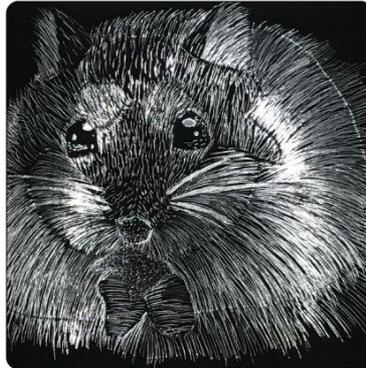
Open to all grades
Art Teacher: Mrs. Nalty



My favorite part of this artwork was shading the apple. I used my 6 values and the supplies I used were a tortillon , kneaded eraser, and an ebony pencil. I really enjoyed making this.



I liked this art project very much and added a lamp as a little detail. The teal and pink shade of the background in my opinion goes very well together



My favorite part of my artwork would probably be the fruit the chinchilla is holding. This is my favorite part because I stippled it with a really small pinhead so it makes it look really glittery which I like.



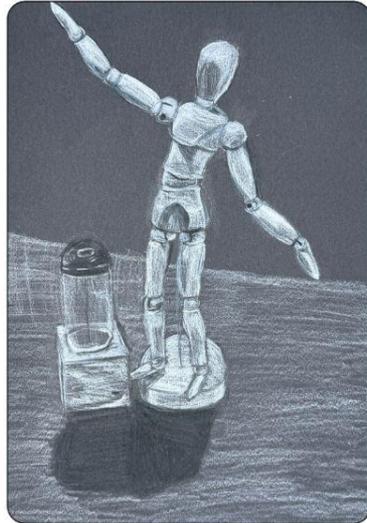
The shoe is an adventure, every day we step into something new. The pattern is for animals, we will see great things. The platform is that we all are able to reach our goals.



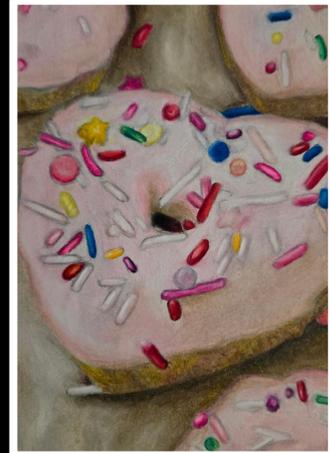
My favorite part of this artwork of an abandoned hallway was drawing the walls. I applied my skills that I learned about perspective. The artistic choices that I made was drawing broken tiles on the walls and floor, and drawing vines and plant life on the walls and floor.

INTERMEDIATE ART

Open to 7th and 8th grades
Art Teacher: Mrs. Nalty



Advanced Art



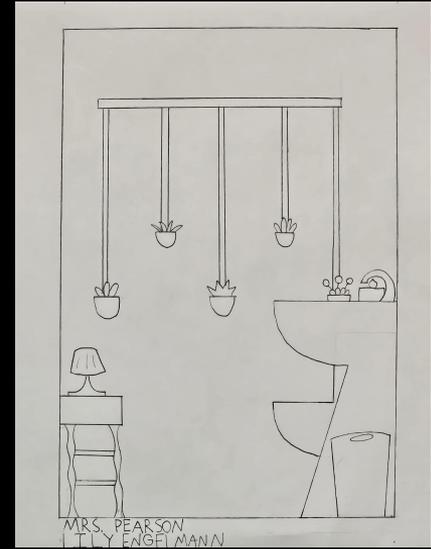
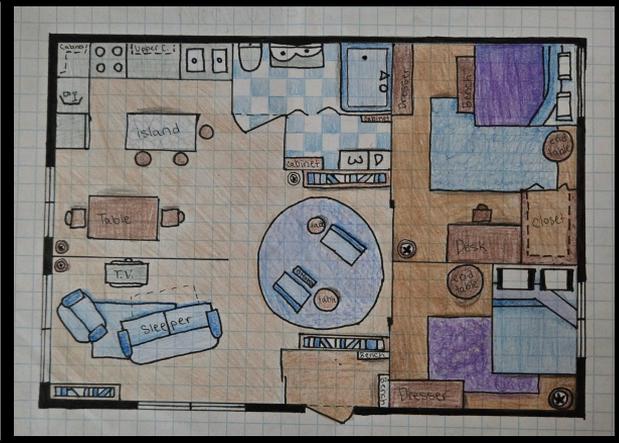
Advanced Art Portfolio Application

Upcoming 7th and 8th grade students who are interested in applying for *Advanced Art* for the 2026-2027 school year are expected to have the following criteria submitted to Ms. Abney by March 30. Students must have taken Intro and Intermediate Art in order to be eligible for Advanced Art.

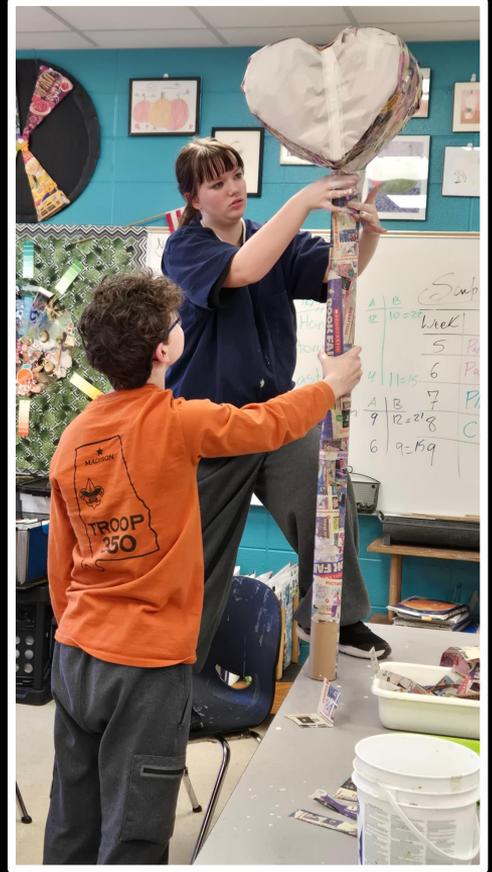
Portfolio Requirements

- 1 realistic drawing/painting (can be former class assignment)
- 1 drawing/painting full color (can be former class assignment)
- 1 drawing/painting of choice (can NOT be from an art class)

Interior Design



3D Sculpture



Can't fit an art elective in this year?

Consider joining the
6th Grade Art Club!

Art Club provides artistic opportunities beyond the walls of the classroom and is open to DMS students in all grades.



Frequently Asked Questions:

Does it matter which grade I am in?

Yes, Introduction to Visual Art is geared toward 6th grade students. Intermediate Visual Art, 3D Sculpture, and Interior Design are open to 7th and 8th grade. Advanced Art is typically reserved for 8th grade or students who have met the prerequisite.

Do I get a grade in art?

Yes, middle school students earn grades in visual arts.

Do I have to be really good at art to take a class?

No, but you need to be willing to put forth effort and work towards improving.

It is important that you have the prerequisites and are motivated in order to take Advanced Art.

Please Contact Us:



If you have any further questions about these Fine Arts elective options at DMS, please don't hesitate to reach out:

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