

**Thinking about taking AP Art in Drawing and Painting next year?
Awesome. Here's what you need to know.**

- **AP Art is a year long art class that is the culmination of your studies as an art student at Redwood.** AP Art is a class for students that are serious about their work as artists and are not afraid to work *really* hard. Great examples of AP portfolios can be seen here: <http://studioartportfolios.collegeboard.org/>
- **The prerequisite** for this class is teacher approval along with Art Exploration and several semesters of drawing and painting classes. (This might also include other art electives.)
- **Most students take it their senior year**, unless they are planning to take more than one AP art exam. (There are three types of AP Art exams: 2D, Drawing and 3D.) In that case students might take one exam their junior year and another their senior year.
- **The AP Art exam consists of submitting a portfolio of 24 works of art that represent your best, original work.** The works themselves fall into three categories: Breadth, Quality and Concentration. The exam is then scored by the AP College Board.
- **It is hard to produce 24 new works of art in one year.** Therefore, students often prepare by starting to create works that might go into their breadth category before they actually take the AP class. Sometimes these works are made in art electives the year before AP Art, but they are often also made during summer art programs and/or summer art classes.
- **You must apply to enroll in the class.** This consists of an application portfolio of five works that show off your best skills, your interests as an artist, and your experience making art. You should submit your application portfolio to the current AP Drawing and Painting teacher, Lauren Bartone, in room 501, on or before February 5th. Or you can email jpegs of your portfolio to lbartone@redwood.org, with "AP Art Application" in the subject line.
- **If you are accepted into the class, you will be expected to complete some work over the summer.** Details about this will be given with your acceptance in early May. It is strongly recommended that you take an art class or enroll in an art program over the summer. See your art teacher for advice - there are lots of good choices for all kinds of interests and needs.

- **More Questions?** Email Lauren Bartone, lbartone@redwood.org , or come by room 501 during lunch to talk. More information is also available here: http://apcentral.collegeboard.com/apc/public/exam/exam_information/index.html