

## Senior Show Requirements

The privilege of having an Art Department senior art exhibition is expected to be earned by each student in the art department. Participation in the senior art exhibition is required in order to maintain eligibility for "Art Department Certification". The following are the requirements to have an Art Department sanctioned "Senior Art Exhibition" (Senior Show).

### Each Prospective Senior Show Recipient will:

- Be a student in HSPVA's Art Department for their entire junior and senior years.
- Be on Grade Level (Level III in the junior year and LEVEL IV in the senior year).
- Have **all** financial and clerical records cleared within the department by February 1<sup>st</sup> (senior year).
- Have attendance consistent with HISD Policies and not have excessive absences or "tardies" during their senior year in all classes (Art & Academic).
- Not be placed on Art Area or Disciplinary Probation or an Art Area or Disciplinary Growth Plan during their senior year.
- Not violate any previously negotiated Growth Plan.
- Not receive a 6 weeks Conduct Grade in Art below P. **This requirement will begin in the Spring Semester of the junior year and continue through the senior year.**
- Not receive a 6 weeks average below 70, in any of his/her INDIVIDUAL art classes or Performance and Productivity during his/her senior year.
- Not receive a 6 weeks "WEIGHTED AVERAGE" below 80 for all art classes. **This requirement will begin in the Spring Semester of the junior year and continue through the senior year.**
- Have enough "quality" work (subject to faculty review and approval).
- Submit a "Senior Show Proposal" and an "Artist Statement" (at the beginning of his/her art block) on the last class day in November (senior year). The proposal and "Artists Statement" must correspond. A faculty committee will evaluate and approve or deny each proposal. **No changes may be made to an approved proposal.** Any applicant, whose proposal is denied, will have 3 days to **respond in writing** and/or resubmit.
- Submit a FINAL updated "Artist Statement" at least one week prior to his/her scheduled show. Each statement will be approved (by the faculty) and revised (by the student) as needed. The **"approved version"** must be displayed as part of each student's Senior Show.
- Submit to the department a set of at least 25 **quality\*** (clear, easily readable) archive images. Digital submissions are preferable and must meet the formatting requirements designated by YoungARTS. Slides are acceptable. Images must depict the student's **best** pieces of artwork. All 25 images must be submitted by April 3rd (senior year). They maybe updated as needed.
- The images must depict 25 different pieces of artwork. The division will be as follows:
  - 15 images (min.) from the students "Area of Concentration"
  - 5 images (min.) taken from journal pages
  - 5 images (min.) from observation/life drawing (figure, still life, landscape, etc.)
- Students who work primarily with video or animation may substitute a DVD of that work for 10 images.
- Each student's best images, as determined by the faculty will be shown at graduation.

**Failure to meet any of these requirements may result in the loss of the Senior Show Privilege. Not having a senior show will result in the loss of "Art Department Certification", and a "failing" Final Exam grade may result (excludes new seniors).**

**If a student loses their Senior Show Privilege because of low grades, it is sometimes possible to re-earn it. The student will consult with the Art Department Faculty to determine what is needed. Certification cannot be re-earned.**

**Each Student Awarded a Senior Exhibition will:**

- Install their work in the gallery as a member of a team comprised ONLY of his/her show mates. (NO outside helpers or parents are allowed.) Students MUST plan their installation to be manageable within the time, man-power and space constraints allowed. The faculty is available for advanced (pre-installation) consultation.
- Have his/her exhibition evaluated by a faculty committee. This evaluation will be reflected as the student's final exam grade for the Spring Semester. A grade of less than 80 will result in the loss of Art Area Certification.
- Participate in the cleaning, re-spackling, painting and refurbishing of the gallery and all of its equipment prior to the first senior exhibition and mid way through the spring semester.
- Dismantle his/her exhibition after school on Wednesday, preceding the next exhibition, and restore the gallery, the gallery storeroom, floors, all walls and all pedestals to a pristine state (this includes painting and spackling when needed).
- Remove all trash and debris and clean the gallery (including the back room and the storeroom) after school on Wednesday, preceding the next exhibition.
- Remove **all** of his/her artwork from **all** of the gallery rooms (including the storeroom) after school on Wednesday, preceding the next exhibition. Failure to do so may result in the work being placed in the trash and a failing grade for the exhibition.
- Be in attendance the day preceding the show installation of the show AND the day following the Opening of the show.
- Senior Shows are **exclusively** for the displaying of "finished" art work previously completed during the student's time at HSPVA (preferably within the last 2 years).

**All circumstances that include the following MUST be defined clearly and in detail in your Senior Show Proposal and MUST relate to your "Artist Statement" for approval:**

- Any alterations inside the gallery (flats, partitions, walls, etc.).**
- Any installations and/or site-specific work.**
- Any work designed and/or constructed exclusively for the Senior Show.**
- Any work of a potentially sexually explicit or sensitive nature.**

The Art Department will **NOT** approve any alterations to the outside of the gallery or any artwork to be displayed outside the gallery. Senior shows are confined to the gallery space. (Work outside the gallery always requires a separate proposal and must be recommended by the Art Department to the Principal for approval.)

All openings will take place from 3:30 to 6:00 PM on the day scheduled.  
THERE CAN BE **NO** FOOD SERVED AT THE OPENINGS.  
Soft drinks **ONLY** may be served in the hall outside the gallery.

**Failure to meet any or all of these requirements may result in a "failing" senior show (final exam) grade, and/or work being removed from a senior show, and/or a senior show being closed or not being allowed to open and the loss of "Art Department Certification".**