

The Gallery at Newtown High School

The Gallery provides the entire school community as well as visitors to NHS an opportunity to see the high caliber of work produced by the art students. It gave the students an understanding of the process of framing and hanging the work. They took enormous pride in this project. By making a permanent gallery, other students not enrolled in art can appreciate and celebrate the artists' accomplishments. It is very rewarding to see students admiring and discussing a piece of work in the Gallery. It has exposed students to the visual arts and their importance in education and its role in cultural society.

Curriculum/State Standard

Students learn aesthetic perception and aesthetic valuing which involves analysis, interpretation, and judgment.

Overview

Gallery was established at Newtown High School. Students in the art classes participated in selecting high-quality student art works. Those works were then finished and framed by the artists themselves. They dealt with critiquing and hanging a body of work for permanent display.

Objectives

- The students will demonstrate critiquing skills based on sound composition and select a high quality piece.
- The students will demonstrate quality craftsmanship, i.e. matting, framing, wiring, and hanging work in a permanent exhibit.
- The students will demonstrate a clear understanding of the process involved in hanging a body of work cohesively.
- The students not enrolled in Art courses will study the artworks and accomplishments of their contemporaries.

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9-12

GRADE LEVEL



ARTS



LANGUAGE



MATH

Misc

MISCELLANEOUS



SCIENCE



HISTORY



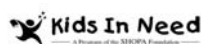
SOCIAL STUDIES

9

MONTHS

\$1000

TOTAL BUDGET



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Materials

Frames, mats, plexiglass, plaques, wire and fasteners for hanging works.

Readiness Activity

- Provide art students with composition and critique skills
- Gather artwork from classes
- Set aside large body of quality work
- Form Selection Committee, consisting of a minimum of two teachers and four students.

Strategies/Activities

- Announcement of the NHS Gallery
- Selection Committee chooses artwork for the Gallery
- Announcement made to school newsletter
- Students select frame and wire work for hanging
- Arrange art works on walls
- Gallery opening announced through local press
- Interdisciplinary areas of English and Social Studies utilize Gallery in instruction
- Visitors exposed to student exhibition

Culminating Activity

Principal announces the opening of The Gallery to the student body. Participants view The Gallery and celebrate over their finished work. They all receive certificates and become part of a school legacy. All art classes see the exhibit. It is used as a teaching tool for classes.

Evaluation

Students were evaluated on their ability to articulate criteria to select artwork, as well as the aesthetic qualities of the work. The craftsmanship of the product and its placement within The Gallery space was also part of the evaluation process.