

6.9 -- Van Buren School District Fine Arts Center Art Gallery

The Van Buren School District shall establish an art gallery in the Fine Arts Center to display student art works and to provide community space to display professional works of art.

Student Art

Student art will be selected by district art instructors in cooperation with the Fine Arts Center Executive Director and Artistic Assistant. It may consist of art works which have particular merit in the medium, art works which are viewed by art teachers and Fine Arts Center staff as being outstanding, and art works which have won local, regional, state and/or national awards. In all cases, student art works to be displayed in the gallery must be approved by Fine Arts Center staff in cooperation with art teachers in the Van Buren School District. Given the fact that the Fine Arts Center is primarily an educational facility, all art displayed in the Fine Arts Center will be shown in accordance with appropriate standards established by the district in the selection of all curriculum materials.

Professional Art

Professional art will be selected by a committee composed of two Van Buren School District art teachers, one district administrator appointed by the superintendent, the Fine Arts Center Executive Director, and the Fine Arts Center Artistic Assistant. Selection of works to be displayed in the Fine Arts Center will be based on their quality, appropriateness in a school setting, and appeal to the target audience.

All works of art displayed in the Fine Arts Center may be provided for sale by consignment according to the provisions of the artist's consignment contract (see Board Policy 6.9F2).

All works of art displayed in the Fine Arts Center will be shown in accordance with appropriate standards established by the district in the selection of all curriculum materials.

Public Access and Security

The Van Buren School District Fine Arts Center Gallery is not a public gallery and viewing hours will be limited. The Gallery will provide promotion of art exhibits which will coincide with after school public events at the Fine Arts Center.

Due to the Fine Arts Center's location within a public high school, professional artists not associated with the school district will be required to submit information which will allow the district to perform background checks before the consignment contract is signed and the artwork exhibited. All access to the Fine Arts Center during the school day will be in compliance with normal school operations; school security measures will be maintained.

Art Exhibition Rules and Regulations

Artists displaying their exhibits in the Van Buren School District Fine Arts Center must comply with the following rules and regulations:

1. Artists are required to install and remove their artwork on the scheduled date and time as agreed upon by contract.
2. Artists are responsible for providing all the necessary hanging supplies, i.e., hanging wire, tools, and personnel for the installation and removal of the exhibit.
3. The Fine Arts Center staff will determine how all artwork is to be arranged in the gallery.
4. All artwork displaying in the Van Buren School District Fine Arts Center must hang on the walls – no freestanding artwork will be accepted.
5. Under no circumstances will anyone be allowed to insert nails or any other objects into the walls on which to mount their artwork.
6. The artist must present a list of all artwork and the insurance values for each piece of art in the exhibit on the day the artwork is installed.
7. The artist will provide Title Cards for each artwork; the Fine Arts Center staff will determine the appearance of the Title Cards.
8. All artwork must be installed/removed on the date/time scheduled by contract.
9. All installation, repair, re-hanging, and removal must be approved by the gallery Executive Director.
10. Viewing of the art exhibit will be available according to the contract established between the artist and the Fine Arts Center.
11. Publicity for the exhibition will require preliminary information be provided to the Fine Arts Center Executive Director six weeks prior to the beginning date of the exhibit.

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