

Visual Arts for 9th Graders

Portfolio Requirements

Applicants are required to submit a digital portfolio (saved as a PDF) to the application checklist. Visit [SCGSAH.org/apply-now](https://scgsah.org/apply-now) to begin applying or access the application portal.

Select applicants will discuss their portfolios as part of a virtual audition.

Portfolio Components

- 1. Collage:** create a collage that clearly represents something you have read or learned in school.
 - A collage is a two-dimensional composition made of different materials attached to a surface. Use cut out text (words) and images in your collage; do not simply draw a variety of images on the page.
 - You will be asked to write three sentences about how your collage represents a topic you've learned about in school.
- 2. Pencil Drawing of Two Unrelated Objects:** create one drawing of two unrelated objects using a No. 2 pencil (no colored pencils). This should be drawn from direct observation, not from a photograph, memory, or your imagination.
 - Draw your selected objects as you have arranged them in front of you. (The surface on which your objects are placed does not count as one of the two objects and should be included in your drawing.)
 - Ask yourself how your objects are or are not related. Beware of pairs that seem unrelated but actually have a strong connection – a hat and a shoe are both worn on the body; a shoe and a pencil sharpener, as an example, might be a better choice. Your choices here are a way to show us your creative thinking!
- 3. Piece of Choice:** choose **one** of the following options that best demonstrates your artistic skills.
 - A 2D or 3D piece, of any size and material(s)
 - A drawn storyboard, neatly compiled and in order ([use this storyboard template](#))
 - A motion picture (live-action or animation) no longer than 2 minutes and must be saved in a QuickTime-compatible format (.mov, .mp4, etc.)
- 4. 20+ Sketchbook Pages:** select at least 20 (more are encouraged) pages in a bound sketchbook done from direct observation in the past 12 months. This component is not a collection of finished, highly refined drawings. Your sketchbook pages should demonstrate your interest in art ideas as evidenced in the drawings, images, and ideas collected inside.

Tips

- Use one of these templates to format your digital portfolio.
 - [Google Slides](#)
 - [Microsoft PPT](#)
- Check out [these resources](#) for documenting your artwork.
- **Questions?** Contact us at applyva@scgsah.org