

AFK Studio Art Academy

Students enrolled in the North Vancouver School District's AFK Studio Art Academy develop advanced skills and critical knowledge in the visual arts. The Art Academy's curriculum provides mentorship opportunities, facilitates portfolio development for post-secondary art applications, and opens doors to careers in the arts.

Through the development of individual artistic processes and a portfolio of works, students gain confidence in their abilities as artists. In-depth explorations of drawing, painting, printmaking, sculpture and alternative media provides students with a diverse range of practical experience and knowledge. Artists in residence provide mentorship opportunities by working with students in the classroom to share their experience and creativity.

Field study visits to artists' studios, galleries, and post-secondary institutions equip students with an understanding of the skills and commitment required to pursue the visual arts in a post-secondary setting. Exposure to a variety of artists, curators, and collaboration with other cultural institutions add to the richness and breadth of students' experiences in this program.

Students in this program benefit from the support of the team at AFK for the access provided to this educational and cultural resource, and the Gordon Smith Gallery as the host site of the students' annual exhibition.

Students in the Academy are encouraged to:

- Create personally relevant imagery
- Explore identity, develop a sense of belonging, and express a personal philosophy of art
- Reflect critically and respond to both their own art and the artwork of others
- Expand their knowledge of contemporary Canadian art
- Recognize that growth as an artist requires perseverance, resilience, refinement, reflection and risk taking
- Understand the career elements and habits required of professional artists
- Develop a portfolio of quality artwork
- Participate in a year-end exhibition showcasing what they've learned



Alumni artist Mikaela Kautsky describes her work at the Audain Art Museum to current art academy students.



Academy Students explore Firelei Baez exhibit at Vancouver Art Gallery.

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Program Information

Fees

The total cost* for the AFK Art Studio is **\$475** for the 2025-26 school year.

Deposit: To confirm a student's registration and secure placement in the Academy for the 2025-26 school year, a deposit of 10% is required by the deadline stated in acceptance letters.

Please Note: Non-payment by the deadline will result in automatic withdrawal from the Academy.

Remaining Fee: Parents/guardians may pay the remaining balance in full or set up instalments any time between the offer of acceptance and August 2025 through School Cash Online.

Please Note: Failure to pay the balance in full or set up instalments by the deadline will result in automatic withdrawal from the Academy.

A limited number of bursaries are available for this Academy.

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Who can Participate?

The AFK Art Studio is open to students in Grades 10-12.

Ready to Apply?

New and returning academy students must complete the online application. New academy students must submit a supplemental portfolio online.

Applications will be accepted from January 16, 2025 to March 6, 2025.

Location and Schedule

The AFK Studio Art Academy is located at Sutherland Secondary, and take place once a week for 3 hours after school. Day of the week to be determined.

Transportation to and from the Academy site is the sole responsibility of the student and/or parent/guardian.

Questions

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Artist Faria Firoz facilitates batik and beading workshop



Artist Tiko Kerr facilitates collage workshop

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