

# BERTHOUD HIGH SCHOOL

# Art

# PROGRAM

## Belief Statement:

We believe that Art has a core of content and skills in which **ALL** students can learn and grow.

Art is a discipline that can be learned by **everyone**.

Art includes the interrelated disciplines of art production, aesthetic perception, art history and art criticism.

### "The Benefits of Art Education.

Arts education benefits the student because it cultivates the whole child, gradually building many kinds of literacy while developing intuition, reasoning, imagination, and dexterity into forms of expression and communication. This process requires not merely an active mind but a trained one. An education in the arts benefits society because students of the arts gain powerful tools for understanding human experiences both past and present. They learn to respect the often very different ways others have of thinking, working, and expressing themselves. They learn to make decisions in situations where there are no standard answers. By studying the arts, students stimulate their natural creativity and learn to develop it to meet the needs of a complex and competitive society. And, as study and competence in the arts reinforce one [another], the joy of learning becomes real, tangible, and powerful.

*From the Consortium of National Arts Education Associations (1994)*

