# About the School

**Mamaroneck High School**  
Mamaroneck, NY  
**Type:** Suburban/Comprehensive  
**Grades:** 9-12  
**Students:** 1,400  
**Middle/High socio-economic status**  
**Arts Requirement:**  
New York has a 1-credit art or music graduation requirement (180 minutes of instruction per week for one year)

# About the Visual Art Program

**Faculty:**  
5 full-time  
**Students:** 425  
**Facilities:** About Average in the Area  
• 5 specialized art studios  
• 1 art gallery/exhibition space  
• 1 office  
• 1 photo room  
**Required Courses:**  
Art Foundation  
**Elective Courses:**  

# About the Featured Classes

**Art Foundation:**  
Students learn to recognize and use the elements of art – line, form, space, texture, color, and light – while experimenting with a variety of materials and techniques.  
The class covers drawing, painting, printmaking, sculpture, and computer graphics.  
**Preparations/Prerequisites:** Open to all students, but taken by ninth-graders who plan to continue in art  
**Typical Subsequent Courses:** Drawing & Painting, Sculpture, or Introduction to Illustration  
**Student Motivation:** Mixed. Motivation varies from students fulfilling state graduation requirements to students following the AP sequence.

**Drawing & Painting:**  
In this intermediate level studio class, students develop drawing skills, a stronger sense of design, and insights into the behavior of color.  
**Preparations/Prerequisites:** Art Foundation  
**Typical Subsequent Course:** Advanced Drawing & Painting, Illustration, and Ceramics

**In the Teacher’s Words**

**How do you find a balance between teaching skills to students, and giving them the freedom to be creative?**

Dale Zheutlin: The Art Foundation course is structured so that each project has two parts. The first part is carefully constructed to help the student focus on learning a specific skill. The second part encourages them to use their new understanding of that skill in an intensely personal and creative way.