



## JEFFERSON ACADEMY 2025-2026

The National Art Honor Society (NAHS) and National Junior Art Honor Society (NJAHS) programs are designed by the National Art Education Association (NAEA) to support and recognize students who have shown outstanding abilities in art. The NAHS and NJAHS programs support student members in their goal of attaining the highest standards in visual arts, and bring visual arts education to the attention of the school and community. Jefferson Academy currently has active chapters at the Secondary building for both middle and high school artists. We're thrilled to announce an additional NJAHS chapter beginning at Jefferson Academy Elementary to support our outstanding sixth grade students!

- **Eligibility:** NJAHS is offered to students in middle school or of middle school age who have completed at least one semester of art with a B average. Membership is based upon art scholarship, service and character as outlined in the chapter's bylaws. As the founding members of our school's chapter, this year's students will establish the chapter bylaws. Students will complete an application and enrollment form by September 30th.
- **Focus:** NJAHS will focus on deepening students' art experience and exploration. Students will complete an original art project in the medium of their choice to display at an art show in the spring and will also have an opportunity to explore ceramics on a pottery wheel with Mrs. Weir. Members of NJAHS will also be given an opportunity to serve as leaders as we plan meetings, community art projects, and an induction ceremony. Our chapter will hopefully have the opportunity to plan a field trip and collaborate with the NJAHS and NAHS at Jefferson Academy Secondary this year as well.
- **Commitment:** NJAHS will meet twice monthly as a group on Wednesday afternoons from 3:00-4:30pm. Regular open studio time will also be provided as an option for students needing additional art making time. **NJAHS will take place in the intermediate art room on Wednesdays from 3:00-4:30 on the dates noted below.**

- **October:** 8th & 22nd
- **November:** 5th & 19th
- **December:** 3rd & 17th
- **January:** 7th & 21st
  - **First Semester Art Club Art Show & NJAHS Induction:** TBD
- **February:** 4th & 18th
- **March:** 4th & 18th
- **April:** 1st & 15th
- **May:** 6th
  - **Second Semester Art Club Art Show & Community Art:** TBD

**Please note the following:**

- **NJAHS capacity:** Space is limited to 15 dedicated 6th grade students this year. Please consider other commitments when submitting an application and enrollment forms. Regular attendance is necessary to remain a member in good standing.
- **Forms:** Students will complete a registration form available on JA's art website (linked at our elementary website, teacher pages, Art: 3rd-6th). This year's art application and enrollment is open **September 23rd-30th**.
- **Payment:** A completed registration form along with **exact cash or a check payable to "Jefferson Academy" for \$100 should be submitted to the office or Mrs. Weir by September 30th**. This cost will cover the fee to the NAEA, induction items and project materials. Families will be notified of NJAHS enrollment via email by Friday, October 3rd.
- **Session Notes:** Students may line-up outside the Intermediate art room beginning at 3:00pm and are encouraged to bring a snack to eat at the beginning of our meeting while we take attendance and check-in. Students should be prepared to make excellent choices and support their classmates. Student pick-up will be at the carpool area near the front office on the west side at 4:30pm.

**Questions?** Feel free to contact me with questions! Lisa Weir: [lweir@jajags.com](mailto:lweir@jajags.com)