

Hampton Roads Academy Art Show
Guidelines - 2026

Application, Fees, and Compensation:

- We welcome and encourage all professional artists to apply! If you know an interested artist, please direct them to apply here: [Art Show Applications](#)
- Samples must be submitted to be juried through the invited artist application link. The deadline to apply is January 20, 2026. After this date, new artists will be added only if space allows.
- Artists will be notified of their application status on or before January 26.
- Participation in the HRA Art Show is free. For any sale, artists receive 70% and Hampton Roads Academy receives 30% of sale price.
- Artists' payments will be ready to mail on Monday, May 4. **Artists may pick up their checks at HRA on May 4 between 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.** or we will mail them after that time.
- All artists will receive complimentary drink tickets for redemption during the Opening Reception on April 17, 2026.

Art Guidelines:

- The Art Show will take place in the Carpenter gymnasium at the school. The entire show will be held indoors and the space is temperature controlled.
- The building will be locked after hours and there will be volunteers present throughout the event to oversee. We have security on campus and insurance coverage for the property as well as the art, and cameras installed throughout the campus.
- The highest quality of art is a signature of the Hampton Roads Academy show. All artworks must be *original* and ready for hanging, if applicable.
- We do not accept works with damaged canvases or work in an unfinished state (i.e. wet paint, not wired, etc.), except for live on-site creations.
- If you would like to create work on-site during the show, please indicate so in the "Comments" section of the application link so we can prepare accordingly.
- Each artist is given a 10' x 10' space. You are responsible for the setup/display of this space to include walls, easels, etc. Unfortunately, we cannot use school walls for display. Your works must fit within the space provided.
- Gallery wrap is acceptable if finished. Canvases with visible staples are not acceptable.
- Photographs must be signed and numbered.
- We reserve the right to reject works submitted if it is not appropriate subject matter for display in a school community.
- You do not need to be present for the show, but we would love to have you, if your schedule allows.

Art Acceptance – Next Steps:

- Once accepted, the link to submit pieces of art chosen for the show will be sent in an email on or before January 26, with a deadline to submit your art images and information on or before March 17.

- Please be mindful about selling artwork submitted for inclusion in advance of the art show, as the images will be used to market the event.
- One image of the full work of art, to include the frame, will be required for each submitted piece. A second optional image of each may be submitted showing the artwork in a “staged photo.” To help with online purchases, additional information is required to describe each art piece and will be asked for as a part of the submission process.
- The responsibility of photographing and uploading art is entirely on the artist.
- Images of your art may be included in promotional materials for the show but that is not guaranteed. The gallery of artwork for sale will be available for preview online in advance of the show.

Art Delivery, Display, Replenishment, and Pickup:

- All art and displays for the show must be setup by the artist during the week of **Monday, April 13 – Thursday, April 16, during the hours of 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.**
- We will not be able to receive new art at the Opening Reception.
- Due to space limitations, all pieces for sale must fit within the provided 10’ x 10’ space.
- You are welcome to replenish artwork as it sells.
- All unsold artwork must be picked up on April 19, between 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. or April 20, between 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. If you cannot pick up your art on these dates, please have a friend do so and let us know their names.
- The Art Show committee will notify you if you have pieces remaining for pick up.

Important Dates:

January 20, 2026	Deadline for invited artists to submit art samples to be juried
January 26	Notification to Artists regarding status of participation in the Show
March 17	Deadline for uploading art for sale in the show
April 13 – 16	Artist setup of 10’ x 10’ space (between 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. daily)
April 17	5:30 PM, Doors open for Opening Reception, start of Art Show sales
April 18-19	Art Show (online and in-person sales)
April 19	Artist to pick-up unsold artwork and clean up 10’ x 10’ space, 3:00 – 5:00pm
April 20	Artist to pick-up unsold artwork and clean up 10’ x 10’ space, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
May 4	8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., Artists may pick up payments from HRA or payments will be mailed thereafter by Hampton Roads Academy.