



Youth Empowerment for the Arts: Value Statement, Policies, and Expectations Grand Mesa Arts and Events Center / Art Garage **Values:** inclusion, empowerment, access, integrity, creativity, quality.

The GMAEC Community: the board of directors, staff, volunteers, members, sponsors and donors, are pleased to provide access to all youth ages pre-k - 12th grade to quality, inclusive art education.

Innovation, imagination, and forward thinking are the foundation of GMAEC. It is because of this that we strive to foster a culture of creativity in our art education programming. We trust that the value of our endeavors is embraced by the students, their parents, the instructors, and staff in order to demonstrate these values in every class, workshop, or special event.

Policies:

- Youth Pre-K-12th grade may register for any YEA! program without a registration fee. (Look for the YEA! Logo)
- Youth who register for an appropriate adult art class must pay the registration fee.
- Registration is on a first come first served basis.
 - All registered students MUST have a Liability Release Form completed by the parent or guardian on file with GMAEC on or before the beginning of the class/activity for which they are registered.
- Registration may be denied if a youth has violated one or more of the conditions in the Student Expectations during the last registered class.
- Parents may register online, over the phone, or in person at the Art Center Reception Desk during open hours.
 - Parents/guardians will be asked to drop off children and sign them in at the beginning of the class, leave, and return to pick up children and sign them out at the end of the class. Due to lack of space and in order for the teacher to have the full attention of the class, parents are discouraged from staying.
 - Parents/guardians are expected to notify the instructor or Art Garage Manager if someone other than the parent will be picking up their child.
- Classes are subject to cancellation due to insufficient registration. To respect our students' and our instructors' time, we will cancel the class one day before the first meeting if we have not met the minimum. To avoid cancellations, please register early.
- Youth are expected to attend all sessions of courses for which they are registered. Instructors must be notified if a student is unable to attend any session. This will be considered an excused absence. Youth who do not attend, and do not notify the instructor in advance of their absence, will be noted as having an unexcused absence. Unexcused absences may result in the youth being removed from class and/or restricted from registering for a future class.

Student Expectations:

The Art Center management and staff reserve the right to dismiss or refuse enrollment to any student whose conduct fails to comply with the following expectations.

- Students will NOT bring cell phones to the art classes.
- Students will respect other students, oneself, instructors, and/or other adults at all times.
- Students will act appropriately during classes, workshops, and activities.
- Students will respect others' property.
- Students will be good listeners and respectful of teachers' requests.
- Students will attend all sessions of a class for which they are registered.