

“...experience a
young person and
their ideas.”

—J. TASSINARI

CREATIVE ECONOMY

Cape Cod's creative economy plays an important role in our region. The passion of the arts is expressed across Cape Cod and the Islands. There is a variety of artistic sectors for individuals to pursue and explore. The creative economy is busy year round. The ArtWorks Program exposes students to the opportunities possible within the creative economy on Cape Cod.



“I like being a mentor.
I get a strong sense of
guiding a younger generation
into a creative world, as
I am sharing with them a
piece of my own.”

—K. D'ANGORA



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ArtWorks

Students Growing as Artists

Artists Making a
Difference as Mentors



ARTWORKS

The ArtWorks Program has long provided Cape Cod high school students in grades 10–12 the unique opportunity to explore the creative economy through hands-on learning. Students are exposed to career awareness and career development skills within the studios of their mentors. This experience provides students with exposure to career pathways within the arts. Traditionally, students enrolled in the ArtWorks Program have explored artistic media within the following areas: drawing/painting, photography, fashion, fashion design, jewelry design, writing, poetry, video game design, dance and voice. Several years ago, the decision was made to enroll tenth grade students into the program, as a way of increasing exposure to career pathway education. We are thrilled that many of our recent ArtWorks graduates have continued their art education at the following colleges/universities: MassArt, Tufts, Maine College of Art, Cape Cod Community College and Montserrat College of Art.

ArtWorks is a program of the MassHire Cape & Islands Workforce Board, a nonprofit organization whose mission is to ensure an appropriate and available labor force for businesses on Cape Cod and the Islands. This is a unique mentoring program pairing Cape Cod high school students with professional artists. Students receive tailored instruction and encouragement in their chosen medium. They learn to grow as artists and as young adults through the guidance of this mentorship. The students build self-esteem, self-confidence, and soft skills that transfer beyond their art to the rest of their lives.

*“He was focused
and dedicated.”*

—J. WOLF

*“Do it! Just Do It!
It's a great thing!”*

—N. DOSTILLO

Students will have the opportunity to work with artists in person, virtually, or by viewing modules via a virtual platform. Artists who have the space available in their studios will be able to work with students in person if they are able to follow the Massachusetts safety standards for workplaces. Those artists who wish to meet virtually will complete each meeting through a convenient video communication platform. The Cape & Islands Workforce Board will be posting a wide range of modules via our YouTube channel. A schedule of these modules can be found on our website and social media pages.

PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS

- Barnstable High School
- Cape Cod Technical High School
- Dennis-Yarmouth Regional High School
- Falmouth High School
- Martha's Vineyard Regional High School
- Mashpee Middle-High School
- Monomoy Regional High School
- Nantucket High School
- Upper Cape Cod Regional Technical High School
- Sturgis Charter School

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The ArtWorks Program runs through the academic year.

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