



Welcome to Art!

Harvey Austin has two art teachers, Mrs. Besant and Ms. Scapillato. Mrs. Besant is in her fourth year teaching at Harvey Austin while Ms. Scapillato is on her second year.

Mrs. Besant has been teaching for 20 years and has previously taught at charter schools in Buffalo. She has a son who will turn 5 years old in September and start kindergarten! Mrs. Besant likes to spend her time at home painting, cooking and having fun with her family.

Ms. Scapillato started teaching art during the 2020-2021 school year. She has a previous degree in Metalsmithing and Jewelry Design. Ms. Scapillato is currently enrolled in the Creative Studies Graduate Program at Buffalo State College. She likes to spend her time at home reading, cooking and walking her dog, Summer.

The Buffalo Public Schools Visual Arts Curriculum focuses on the New York State Learning Standards for the Arts. Instructional units for all grade levels include an overview of the visual arts instructional components, art history and cultural contributions, drawing and painting, mixed media and crafts, three-dimensional work, graphic arts, and an assessment and portfolio review. In addition, the upper grade levels will maintain a sketchbook for concept development, drawing, journaling, and note-taking.

We are looking forward to an exciting and creative school year! See you in September!

Mrs. Besant

Ms. Scapillato