

ANIMATION REQUIREMENTS

CSSSA ANIMATION REQUIRED ASSIGNMENTS – 2024

Students do not need prior formal training in animation to apply to the Animation Program. Students currently enrolled in grades 8 through 12 are eligible to apply.

Applicants must submit a completed online application, provide the contact information for two teacher recommenders, and upload the following required assignments. If you don't include the required assignments by the application deadline, your application will be incomplete and won't be reviewed.

A. One drawing or painting of a portrait of your favorite artist. You could choose a fine artist, a singer, a writer, an actor, illustrator, animator, or director. Choose someone you really admire and follow because to make this assignment meaningful you must know the subject well. Use an original style and technique to express who they are. Find a drawing tool that helps to demonstrate their personality or the message they give to their audience. Any media is welcome, from traditional analogue to digital materials.

B. One drawing or painting based on the lyrics of the Gorillaz song: “Plastic Beach”. You might consider the emotion, lyrics, pacing, and impact of the song. Push your imagination to create an original illustration. The essence of the assignment is to think outside the box. Please don't draw in somebody else's style and don't use other artist's work as your inspiration. You can use life references but don't copy a photograph.

C. A series of 5 life drawing “Plant+Animal Sketches” that demonstrate your observational and life drawing skills. Note the time and place of each location on your drawings (For Example: Garden, January 10th). Use a **variety of techniques**, such as pencil, pen, charcoal, watercolor, marker, color pencil etc. Draw plants large and small, animals domestic or wild you can find around you.

D. Upload a video of an animation you have created that demonstrates your understanding of motion. Please DO NOT send rotoscoped work because it won't be considered. Your video should not exceed 2 minutes.

E. Upload a video recording of yourself addressing the following question:

- The CSSSA Animation program requires each student to complete 5 difficult projects in only four weeks. Tell us why do you want to be in CSSSA Animation 2024?

F. Upload one typed statement of no more than 150 words addressing the following topic:

- Tell us why you chose the artist for assignment A? How do they inspire you and what do they contribute to your life? Explain your artistic direction with this illustration. Why did you choose the particular technique to create their portrait? What inspired your color choices or the lack of?