

ART ACADEMY

April-July 2025

Art Academy is a program of Abilities First. We offer inclusive classes in music and a variety of art mediums. Art Academy provides a safe, accepting environment for artists and performers of all abilities. Our professional staff guides our students to develop confidence and character while exploring creative arts.

We accept a variety of funding sources including private pay, Medicaid Waiver, limited Southwest Autism Project funding (SWAP), limited funding for CC Links individuals, and we offer a limited number of scholarships. You must enroll prior to the start of class and indicate a funding source.



To register, call 417-886-0404, extension 4 or email us at aiacademy@abilitiesfirst.net. All individuals must call or email our office to register for classes. Available classes are viewable on our website, <https://abilitiesfirst.net/art-academy/>

April/May 2025

Preschool Spring Art (Ages 3-6) \$226

Students will create various spring themed art projects using construction paper, crayons, and paper plates. Students may have the assistance of a support individual as needed. Student supplies will be provided. The class will meet 6 times on Tuesdays from 4:00 pm-5:00 pm from April 15th through May 20th, 2025. This class will be held at Arthur Mallory Early Childhood Center located at 2525 W. College Road, Springfield, MO. Class is limited to 8 students. Instructor: Debbie Akers

Zoom Minecraft Drawing (all ages) \$181

Students will learn how to draw various Minecraft characters. Students may have the assistance of a support individual as needed. Students will provide their own pencil and paper. The class will meet 6 times on Zoom. Classes will be held on Wednesdays from 10:00 am-11:00 am, April 16th through May 21st, 2025. The class is limited to 10 students. Instructor: Debbie Akers

Child Hybrid Cartoon Character Painting (Ages 6 and 12) \$271

Students will complete various cartoon character themed acrylic paintings. Students may have the assistance of a support individual as needed. Zoom student supplies will be doorstep delivered. Supplies will be provided upon arrival. Class will meet 6 times on Mondays from 5:00 pm-6:30 pm from April 14th through May 19th, 2025. This class will be held at AcompanARTE Cultural Center, located at 1530 S. Glenstone, Springfield, MO 65804. Class is limited to 10 students. Instructor: Debbie Akers.

Production Class Kids (Ages 6-12) \$452

Students in this class will prepare, rehearse, and perform a full theatre production! Students will collaborate together to perform on stage and backstage to create a successful show. Students may have the assistance of a support individual as needed. Performance location and performance dates to be determined. This class will meet 12 times on Fridays from 4:00 pm-5:30 pm on April 18th through July 18th (no class July 4th). Class is limited to 12 students. Location: Drew Lewis 1126 N Broadway Ave, Springfield, MO 65802. Instructor: Spencer Tilley

Theatre Creations Kids (Ages 6-12) \$271

Students will play a variety of theatre games to learn cooperative skills, performance techniques, and how to have fun on stage! Students may have the assistance of a support individual as needed. This class will meet 6 times on Tuesdays from 4:30 pm-6:00 pm on April 15th through May 20th. Class is limited to 10 students. Classes will be held at Hood United Methodist Church, 139 N Walnut Ave, Republic MO 65738. Instructor: Spencer Tilley

Adult Hybrid Cartoon Character Painting (Ages 13+) \$271

Students will complete various cartoon character themed acrylic paintings. Students may have the assistance of a support individual as needed. Zoom student supplies will be doorstep delivered. Supplies will be provided upon arrival. Class will meet 6 times on Mondays from 3:00 pm-4:30 pm from April 14th through May 19th, 2025. This class will be held at AcompanARTE Cultural Center, located at 1530 S. Glenstone, Springfield, MO 65804. Class is limited to 10 students. Instructor: Debbie Akers

Mixed Media Drawing (Ages 13+) \$271

Students will complete various mixed media drawings. Students may have the assistance of a support individual as needed. Supplies will be provided upon arrival. Class will meet 6 times on Tuesdays from 1:00 pm-2:30 pm from April 15th through May 20th, 2025. This class will be held at "Hospitality Room" Northview Center 305 E Talmage St, Springfield, MO 65803. Class is limited to 10 students. Instructor: Debbie Akers

Hybrid Spring Watercolor Painting (ages 13+) \$271

Students will complete various spring themed watercolor paintings in this seated class. Students may have the assistance of a support individual as needed. Zoom student supplies will be doorstep delivered. Supplies will be provided upon arrival. Class will meet 6 times on Tuesdays from 6:00 pm-7:00 pm from April 15th through May 20th, 2025. This class will be held at AcompanARTE Cultural Center located at 1530 S. Glenstone Ave, Springfield, MO 65804. Class is limited to 10 students. Instructor: Debbie Akers

Printmaking (Ages 13 and up) \$271

Students will explore various printmaking techniques to create personalized prints. Students may have the assistance of a support individual as needed. Supplies will be provided on arrival. Classes will meet 6 times on Wednesdays from 4:00 pm-5:30 pm, April 16th through May 21st, 2025. Location to be determined. Class is limited to 10 students. Instructor: Debbie Akers

Oil and Chalk Pastel Drawing (ages 13 and up) \$271

Students will be introduced to various oil and chalk pastel techniques and create beautiful pastel drawings. Students may have the assistance of a support individual as needed. Supplies will be provided upon arrival. Class will meet 6 times. Classes will be held on Thursdays at 3:00-4:30 pm from April 17th through May 22nd, 2025. This class will be held at "Hospitality Room" Northview Center 305 E Talmage St, Springfield, MO 65803. Class is limited to 10 students. Instructor: Debbie Akers

Spring Photography (Ages 13+) \$339

Students will learn various photography guidelines while taking pictures in various indoor locations in Springfield. Students may have the assistance of a support individual as needed. Student cameras will be provided. The class will meet 6 times on Thursdays from 12:30pm-2:00pm from April 17th through May 22nd, 2025. First class will meet at Bass Pro main entrance located at 1 Bass Pro Dr, Springfield, MO 65807. Classes will be held at a variety of

indoor facilities in the Springfield, MO area. Class is limited to 8 students. Instructor: Debbie Akers.

A Proper British Dialect (Ages 13+) \$271

Ever wanted to have a right-proper British voice? Students will learn the tricks and sounds of a Standard British Dialect. Students may have the assistance of a support individual as needed. This class will meet 6 times on Mondays from 10:00 am-11:30 am on April 14th through May 19th. Class is limited to 10 students. Location to be determined. Instructor: Spencer Tilley

Designing With Lights (Ages 13+) \$271

Learn a classic technical theatre trade by utilizing and designing with various light sources. Students may have the assistance of a support individual as needed. This class will meet 6 times on Wednesdays from 1:00pm-2:30pm on April 16th through May 21st. Class is limited to 10 students. Class location to be determined. Instructor: Spencer Tilley

Mask Making (Ages 6-12) \$271

Explore the rich history of theatre by using unique materials to create performance masks! Students may have the assistance of a support individual as needed. This class will meet 6 times on Wednesdays from 4:00 pm-5:30 pm on April 16th through May 21st. Class is limited to 10 students. This class will be held at "Hospitality Room" Northview Center 305 E Talmage St, Springfield, MO 65803 Instructor: Spencer Tilley

Improv Games (Ages 13+) \$271

Students will collaborate and play theatre games with each other to build improv performance skills. Students may have the assistance of a support individual as needed. This class will meet 6 times on Mondays from 3:30 pm-5:00 pm on April 14th through May 19th. Class is limited to 10 students. This class will be held at "Hospitality Room" Northview Center 305 E Talmage St, Springfield, MO 65803 Instructor: Spencer Tilley

Production Class Adult (Ages 13+) \$602

Students in this class will prepare, rehearse, and perform a full theatre production! Students will collaborate together to perform on stage and backstage to create a successful show. Students may have the assistance of a support individual as needed. Performance, location and performance dates to be determined. This class will meet 12 times on Fridays from 1 pm-3:00 pm on April 18th through July 18th (no class July 4th). Class limited to 12 students. Location: Drew Lewis 1126 N Broadway Ave, Springfield, MO 65802 Instructor: Spencer Tilley

Theatre Creations Adult (Ages 13+) \$271

Students will play a variety of theatre games to learn cooperative skills, performance techniques, and how to have fun on stage! Students may have the assistance of a support individual as needed. This class will meet 6 times on Tuesdays from 1:30 pm-3:00 pm on April 15th through May 20th. Class is limited to 10 students. Classes will be held at Hood United Methodist Church, 139 N Walnut Ave, Republic MO 65738. Instructor: Spencer Tilley

June/July 2025

Preschool Summer Art (Ages 3-6) \$226

Students will create various spring themed art projects using construction paper, crayons, and paper plates. Students may have the assistance of a support individual as needed. Student supplies will be provided. The class will meet 6 times on Tuesdays from 4:00 pm-5:00 pm from June 3rd through July 8th, 2025 at CC Links 1549 N Commercial Rd, Nixa MO 65714. Class is limited to 8 students. Instructor: Debbie Akers

Zoom Wildlife Drawing (All ages) \$181

Students will learn how to draw various wildlife animals both animated and realistic. Students may have the assistance of a support individual as needed. Students will provide their own pencil and paper. The class will meet 6 times on Zoom. Classes will be held on Wednesdays from 10:00 am-11:00 am, June 4th through July 9th, 2025. The class is limited to 10 students. Instructor: Debbie Akers

Theatre Around the World (Ages 6-12) \$271

Embark on a tour of theatre from all over the world through a variety of games, crafts, and activities. Students may have the assistance of a support individual as needed. This class will meet 6 times on Mondays from 2:00 pm-3:30 pm on June 2nd through July 7th. Class is limited to 10 students. Location to be determined. Instructor: Spencer Tilley

Child Hybrid Beach Painting (Ages 6 and 12) \$271

Students will complete various beach themed acrylic paintings. Students may have the assistance of a support individual as needed. Zoom student supplies will be doorstep delivered. Supplies will be provided upon arrival. Class will meet 6 times on Mondays from 5:00 pm-6:30 pm from June 2nd through July 7th, 2025. This class will be held at AcompanARTE Cultural Center, located at 1530 S. Glenstone, Springfield, MO 65804. Class is limited to 10 students. Instructor: Debbie Akers.

Lego Scene Design (Ages 6-12) \$271

Students will use Legos to create their favorite scenes and moments from movies and TV. Students may have the assistance of a support individual as needed. This class will meet 6 times on Wednesdays from 4:30 pm-6:00 pm on June 4th through July 9th. Class is limited to 10 students. Location to be determined. Instructor: Spencer Tilley

Movement to Music (Ages 6-12) \$271

Join us for a great session of activity and movement as we exercise and dance to music! Students may have the assistance of a support individual as needed. This class will meet 6 times on Mondays from 10:00 am-11:30 am on June 2nd through July 7th. Class is limited to 10 students. Location to be determined. Instructor: Spencer Tilley

\Adult Hybrid Beach Painting (Ages 13+) \$271

Students will complete various beach themed acrylic paintings. Students may have the assistance of a support individual as needed. Zoom student supplies will be doorstep delivered. Supplies will be provided upon arrival. Class will meet 6 times on Mondays from 3:00 pm-4:30 pm from June 2nd through July 7th, 2025. This class will be held at AcompanARTE Cultural Center, located at 1530 S. Glenstone, Springfield, MO 65804. Class is limited to 10 students. Instructor: Debbie Akers

Summer Pastel and Colored Pencil Drawing (Ages 13+) \$271

Students will complete various pastel and colored pencil drawings. Students may have the assistance of a support individual as needed. Supplies will be provided upon arrival. Class will meet 6 times on Tuesdays from 1:00 pm-2:30 pm from June 3rd through July 8th, 2025. This class will be held at TBD. Class is limited to 10 students. Instructor: Debbie Akers

Hybrid Summertime Watercolor Painting (ages 13+) \$271

Students will complete various summertime themed watercolor paintings in this seated class. Students may have the assistance of a support individual as needed. Zoom student supplies will be doorstep delivered. Supplies will be provided upon arrival. Class will meet 6 times on Tuesdays from 6:00 pm-7:00 pm from June 2nd through July 8th, 2025. This class will be held at AcompanARTE Cultural Center located at 1530 S. Glenstone Ave, Springfield, MO 65804. Class is limited to 10 students. Instructor: Debbie Akers

June July Sculpture (Ages 13 and up) \$271

Students will create 3-dimensional sculpture pieces using various art materials. Students may have the assistance of a support individual as needed. Supplies will be provided upon arrival. Classes will meet 6 times on Wednesdays from 4:00 pm-5:30 pm, June 4th through July 9th, 2025 at CC Links 1549 N Commercial Rd, Nixa MO 65714. Class is limited to 10 students. Instructor: Debbie Akers

Indoor/Outdoor Walking (Ages 13+) \$271

Students will walk and move around in various indoor and outdoor locations in Springfield. Students may have the assistance of a support individual as needed. The class will meet 6 times on Thursdays from 12:30 pm-2:00 pm from June 5th through July 10th, 2025. First class will meet at Bass Pro main entrance located at 1 Bass Pro Dr, Springfield, MO 65807. Classes will be held at a variety of indoor facilities in the Springfield, MO area. The class is limited to 8 students. Instructor: Debbie Akers.

Drawing From Observation (ages 13 and up) \$271

Students will be introduced to drawing various subjects from observing them closely and capturing the subject with the use of line and shading techniques. Students may have the assistance of a support individual as needed. Supplies will be provided upon arrival. Class will meet 6 times. Classes will be held on Thursdays at 3:00 pm -4:30 pm from June 5th through July

10th, 2025. This class will be held TBD. The class is limited to 10 students. Instructor: Debbie Akers

Auditioning for the Stage (Ages 13+) \$271

Students will learn the best tips, tricks, and practices needed to audition for a stage play. Students may have the assistance of a support individual as needed. This class will meet 6 times on Tuesdays from 1:30 pm-3:00 pm on June 3rd through July 8th. Class is limited to 10 students. Classes will be held at Hood United Methodist Church, 139 N Walnut Ave, Republic MO 65738. Instructor: Spencer Tilley

June July Music Appreciation (Ages 13+) \$271

Students will explore different genres of music and possibly find some new favorites along the way. Students may have the assistance of a support individual as needed. Supplies will be provided upon arrival. This class will meet 6 times on Tuesdays from 1:30 pm -3:00 pm on June 4th through July 9th. Class is limited to 10 students. Location to be determined. Instructor: Spencer Tilley

Scavenger Sleuths (Ages 13+) \$271

Students will crack the case and cooperate by solving escape-room style mysteries and puzzles! Students may have the assistance of a support individual as needed. This class will meet 6 times on Tuesdays from 4:00pm-5:30pm on June 3rd through July 8th. Class is limited to 10 students. Location to be determined. Instructor: Spencer Tilley