

Visual Arts Club means more student opportunities

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Open studio on Sundays, trips to art galleries, schools and artist shops in Omaha and Denver and a chance to display pieces at local shows.

The art department at Gothenburg Junior-Senior High School is on the move.

“We’re getting involved in something we enjoy,” said Amanda Bodfield, president of the newly formed Visual Arts Club (VAC).

Although the club was formed with District 20 school board approval last year, activities have really started to roll this school year.

And it’s a two-part deal.

Any grades 9-12 student can be in the club. Students taking at least one semester of art can be in National Art Honor Society where he or she must maintain an overall 2.0 grade point with at least a 3.0 in art classes.

After an induction this spring, art teacher Travis Coe said the society will have 24 inductees.

The VAC has 27 members.

Treasurer Slater Earl said he likes art so figured the club was a good way to become more involved.

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Bodfield, who plans to minor in graphic design, said being an officer in the club will show leadership skills on her resume. Vice president Cassidy Dishman said he joined because of the trips offered.

Last spring, the club traveled to Omaha where they toured Joslyn Art Museum and visited artists in Hot Shops in the Old Market as well as the Creative Center Art College.

This spring, members plan to go to

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