

**BASIC CLASS INFORMATION**

Grades: 9 -12  
Room: 31

**INSTRUCTOR**

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*Please feel free to email me; I check this everyday before, during, and after school. I'll get back to you as soon as possible. If you call, please leave your name, when you called and a short message including a contact number and the best time to get back to you. I can be contacted from 3:05 to 3:45 after school.*

**COURSE OBJECTIVES AND GOALS**

- This class is a stepping stone for continuation past the Middle School into the Arts community.
- Students at this level will be expected to work with a wide variety of mediums in exploring their own artistic expression.
- The course will also deal with artists, their movements, and their impacts in the Arts.
- Students will be exposed to the fundamentals of Art criticism, evaluation, and history.
- All students, as a goal, should enjoy a classroom atmosphere of creativity and student cooperation.

**COURSE ASSESSMENT**

Attached is a sample of the grading rubric for every assignment. Projects are graded based on the six categories with five points apiece. Students should understand that in this class it requires ALL assignments to be turned in to complete the Course. When a project does not make 65% for a final grade, the assignment cannot be counted and must be reworked until a higher grade is achieved!

**CLASSROOM EXPECTATIONS:**

*All students are expected to have read and understand the High School behavior policy contained within their agenda books. These rules are expected to be followed by students at all times. In this classroom there are three broad rules that should be observed:*

**Respect others:**

- No inappropriate touching of others.
- Insulting comments towards others and/or their artwork are not to be tolerated.
- Do NOT mess with another students' artwork or personal stuff without their permission.

**Respect the room:**

- If you make a mess, you clean it up. The sooner you do, the better.
- Do not damage anything in the classroom; it's not yours to begin with!

**Respect yourself:**

- YOU are the artist! Don't insult yourself. It's better than you think it is!
- Please do not throw ANY artwork away while in school. Take it home; once it's off school property it is yours to deal with.
- The instructor does not want to hear: 'I can't,' 'this sucks,' 'I hate this.' There are many others along these lines - don't say it.

**GRADING SCALE AND RUBRIC****GRADING SCALE**

25-23 A  
22-20 B  
19-18 C  
17-15 D  
14-0 F

### *PARTICIPATION POINTS*

Participation points are given every class day. Each day is worth ONE point and can be taken away depending on level of work and/or attendance. All of these are added to your final grade at the end of the Trimester. These points will add up quickly!! They could mean the difference between a good and bad grade.

- You must be on time for class, if you're late, please have a pass with you. If you are tardy more than three times without a proper pass/excuse then your final grade will start to go down a third of a letter grade ("A" goes down to an "A-"). A helpful idea is to come to class, check in with the instructor and then ask to go to the restroom or drink. That way the instructor knows you're present.

### **REQUIRED MATERIALS** (These are expected everyday!)

- Most paper will be provided in class, but if you would like have a spiral notebook then please do so.
- A two-pocket folder is a good idea to have for the class. This can be where your graded work and class handouts can go into. If I show that you are missing a grade, but you did complete it, you can show the grade sheet from your folder to correct the mistake.
- A pencil (mechanical or standard) PLEASE! Any other art supplies can be found in the room, but if the student favors their own personal mediums (markers, color pencils, etc.) then they can bring it in and use it. It is the students' responsibility to watch over their property.

### **FOOD AND DRINK**

Most drinks can be allowed into the room. The ONLY preference is to have liquids in a non-spill container. Food is not allowed. Eat breakfast. Find a donut before class. Any disregard to this rule and you will receive one warning and the food is to be thrown away. Any other incident will be an office referral.

### **MUSIC IN CLASS**



Music is absolutely allowed in class! Music can help students focus, get inspiration, or take away distractions. Students can listen to what they want as long as the teacher can't hear it, or the student next to you isn't bothered. Personal MP3 or CD players are fine, but headphones are DEFINITELY expected to be off the head when the instructor is talking.

### **CELL PHONE**

The use of a cellphone is **strictly prohibited in class**. This means no texting, or making/receiving calls during the class period. There are **RARE** occasions where the Internet on the phone may be accessed during an assignment, but this is only after asking permission from the Instructor!!

