

Studio in Art

Mrs. Murray: 1A

Completion of this forty-week course is equal to 1.0 credit, which satisfies the graduation requirement for both the visual and musical arts.

Studio in Art is a prerequisite for any student wishing to obtain a Regents sequence in art, or for those interested in exploring advanced courses such as Drawing and Painting, or Three-Dimensional Sculpture and Ceramics. This course will investigate the fundamentals of drawing, painting, printmaking and sculpture. Through the integration of art production, history, criticism and aesthetics, students will develop a keen understanding of the elements and principles of design.

Studio in Art will be broken down into four genres of study: still life, portrait, landscape and contemporary design. Each ten-week quarter will focus on a different genre.

Students will receive one grade every ten-week marking period. Final averages will consist of those four grades plus a final exam, each worth 20%.

Grading Policy:

- 70%** **Production:** All major projects, sketchbook and homework assignments are individually graded. Projects will have deadlines. Late work will receive a deduction of five points for every art class it is not complete.
- 20%** **Participation:** Students will take notes and complete handouts in order to learn vocabulary and history. All written information should be expected on the final exam. Verbal participation is critical during review and formal critique sessions.
- 10%** **Work Ethic:** There will be lessons that students do not like and/or struggle with. It is critical that students work to the best of their abilities so that credit may be given for effort, positive behavior and perseverance. Class preparation and excellent cleaning habits will be considered in as well.

Class Rules:

- Students must arrive to class on time. After three late instances, a tenth period detention with Mrs. Murray will be given. A skipped detention will earn a formal write-up and report to the principals' office.
- Students must bring their agenda and necessary art materials to class daily.
- Classes and/or assignments missed due to illness, fieldtrips or music lessons must be made up in a timely manner during study hall or activity period after school.
- Mrs. Murray is available *by appointment*, period 10; Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.

Art Materials:

It is **recommended**, but not enforced by the art department that students provide the following for class:

- A **\$10.00** Lab Fee

It is **required** that students provide the following:

- A standard white or solid color folder
- 100 small index cards
- Adequate pencils and pens

Students may earn **bonus** credit (up to 2 points), for providing the following items to the classroom:

- One fine or one **ultra fine** black sharpie
- Smudge sticks or blending tortillions
- One dozen #2 HB pencils
- Paper towels
- Tissues
- Sponges or cleaning supplies

Students *may* wish to purchase the following (not required):

- Two *Ebony* drawing pencils
- Two #4H (or higher) hard graphite pencils
- A package of *pink pearl* erasers
- One metal sharpener
- One box of colored pencils
- A zip lock bag to store supplies in

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I have read the handout and understand the expectations of Studio in Art for the 2008-09 school year.

Student Name Printed

Date

Parent Signature

Comments: