

Art Room Syllabus

Mrs. Austin

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How to enjoy this class – If I don't enjoy this class, then neither will you! I am very easy to get along with, but I have two pet peeves that will bring out the "evil" in me very quickly! One is not working. You cannot create quality projects if you don't work on them. This should be a "duh" idea, but amazingly, not everyone seems to understand this. This is an elective class, and students who want to be here have been turned away. This class is a privilege and you should make the most of your time. Therefore, if you chose not to work on ART then you will automatically be given ½ credit for the assignment. If you finish the assignment, then try doing the assignment again in a different way. If the due date is less than 2 days away then you can earn full credit for the assignment by working in your sketchbook.

My second pet peeve is bullies. I cannot tolerate hateful comments, racial slurs, or people who are just plain mean! So, to keep me happy, be nice. ☺ This concept of "being nice" carries over into your artwork and that of your classmates as well – be positive about their artwork as well as your own – there is always something positive to be found in each artwork (yes, even the "flops"!)

Grading Policy Your grade will be determined by a mixture of the following:

Projects/Tests

Class Participation

Visual Journals

Projects/Tests Projects may vary depending upon your level in art. Even if the entire class is doing the same project I expect stronger work from an Art 4 student than from an Art 1 student. Obviously, not everyone is at the same skill level – some have practiced a lot, while others are just learning. Your grade will be determined by your own individual growth as well as your work habits. Several mediums will be explored, including, but not limited to, drawing, painting, ceramics, mixed media, and sculpture. Tests will only be given if I feel they will reinforce presented materials. A written semester final will be given to all who are not eligible to opt out. You will be well informed in advanced on what will be covered in the final. Each project MUST be accompanied by a self-evaluation.

Late Work I will give a due date when I determine when a majority of students will be finished. I will post the due date in advance, and this date will be the LAST CLASS DAY for you to work on that project. I will grade projects one week from the due date, so you have 7 days to complete your assignment on your own time without it affecting your grade. If you have trouble meeting the deadline you may discuss this with me prior to the deadline and you *may* be given an extension. After 7 days, a zero will be entered in the grade book.

Class Participation 10 points will be given daily for classroom participation (appx. 1 point for every 5 min.). These are given at my discretion. Students are expected to get their supplies out within a reasonable amount of time and work the entire class period. Students who miss class because of excused absences or school activities may earn the missed 10 points by creating a drawing in their journals. You cannot pass this class if your participation grades are consistently below 60%.

Sketchbooks Assignments will be given for you to complete in your journals. Drawings are worth 25 points and are due on Fridays. Practice is the key to improving drawing skills and therefore an important part of this class. Drawings are graded according to effort, and not skill. You need to date each drawing and identify the assignment. Make up drawings for absences as well as extra credit drawings need to be identified (extra credit/make up for xx) and dated.

Supplies There is a \$15 per semester fee for this class. This pays for all consumable items – paint, clay, paper, etc. I will supply each student with 2 bags of supplies. The drawing baggie will contain 2 drawing pencils (2B/2H), 1 charcoal pencil, 1 blending stump, 1 white eraser, and 1 kneaded eraser. The painting

baggie will contain 3 paintbrushes and a paint palette with a lid. Students are responsible for returning the same items in good condition. There will be a \$10 replacement charge PER BAGGIE. Students will need to supply a shoebox for storage (Flinthills). There will be no excuse for your items having been lost, stolen, or confiscated (in the case of your leaving your supplies lying on the counter, left on the table, or anywhere that requires me to have to pick up after you.

Extra Credit Students may turn in 3 extra credit drawings per 9 weeks. These must be done in their sketchbooks and are worth 5 points each. You need to sign, date, and identify as extra credit on the back of your drawing.

Class Rules

1. ***NO food or drinks allowed.***
2. Treat your classmates, your teacher, and your projects with respect at all times.
3. Do not bring other assignments to class. Do not sleep. Do not sit and visit. Follow these and life will be good for both of us.
4. You will not be allowed restroom breaks during class. Don't ask. IF there is a medical condition you must inform me in advance.
5. Do your best. It will be good enough!
6. You will find that if you follow the guideline of "Do the Right Thing" there won't be any problems.

Waste Students who purposefully waste supplies or abuse these supplies will be denied access to those supplies.

Let's have an awesome, creative year!