

Art Foundation Course Content Outline

40 Weeks – Every Other Day

Teacher: Mrs. Smith

Welcome to Art Foundations. In order to have a pleasant and productive class, certain procedures must be followed. We all do better work if we know what is expected of us.

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

Art Foundations is a grade 8 elective course offered to qualified students that show strong talent and interest in Visual Art. Art Foundations is a full year alternate day class – 1/2 credit, high school course.

Art Foundations is the beginning of a comprehensive art sequence that is continued in high school. Students in this class will have the opportunity to do studio work in a wide variety of art mediums. Skills development and mastery is heavily emphasized. Instructional assignments will encourage students to communicate their own ideas and viewpoints. Students will reflect on their work, the work of their peers and of master artists using their academic art vocabulary, the language of art criticism and higher-order thinking skills.

CONTENT AREAS COVERED IN ART FOUNDATIONS:

- **Drawing** - Continued Skill Development; Methods of Rendering
- **Painting** - Continued Skill Development; Painting Techniques & Styles
- **Color** - Color Theory, Color Relationships & Expressive Use of Color
- **Design** - Elements of Art & Principles of Design; Compositional Devices
- **Sculpture** - Explore Different Sculpture Techniques
- **Printmaking** - Explore Different Printing Processes
- **Styles of Art** - Cultural & Historical
- **Art Technology** – iPad technology & Digital Imaging

ART MEDIUMS EXPLORED IN ART FOUNDATIONS:

- **Drawing** - Graphite, Colored pencil, Charcoal, Chalk Pastel, Oil Pastel & Pen & Ink
- **Painting** - Water Color, Tempera, Acrylic & Mixed-Media
- **Sculpture** – Ceramics, Paper relief, Wire, Plaster, & Paper Maché
- **Printmaking** – Relief Prints, EZ Cut

I. GRADING POLICY

- Daily/weekly class assignments graded according to specific criteria.
- Mastery of skills taught.
- Complete project self-evaluations.
- Class participation, behavior and effort counts and will be reflected in every project grade.
- Punctuality. Arrive on time to class. If you are late, you must have a signed pass.
- Periodic homework assignments must be completed on time.
- Periodic sketchbook assignments must be completed on time.
- **Work handed in late** will lose points in grading after a 1-week grace period.
- +/- Letter grade on report cards
- Final average is numerical grade.

II. STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES

- Be prepared, on time and ready to work.
- Complete all class work and homework assignments on time.
- Keep all assignments and rough drafts in folder.
- Use and care of materials properly as directed.
- Listen and follow directions the first time.
- Show respect for all classmates and their artwork.

III. EXTRA HELP AND MAKE-UP WORK

- Extra Help is offered 1 Day after school from 3 - 4 pm.
- Extra Help time may also be provided before school, or during a lunch period when arrangements are made with teacher.

IV. SUPPLY LIST

9x12 sketchbook (spiral is recommended)

V. CONSEQUENCES FOR INAPPROPRIATE BEHAVIOR

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| 1. Verbal warning | 4. Phone call home to parents |
| 2. Seat change | 5. Teacher assigned detention |
| 3. Private conference with teacher | 6. Referral to deans |

Parent/Guardian: If you have any questions feel free to call Mrs. Smith at 441-4640.