

High School Art Syllabus

Course Overview and Expectations

Course Description

This course is designed to introduce students to the foundational concepts, techniques, and history of visual arts. Students will explore a variety of media, including drawing, painting, sculpture, and digital art, while developing their creative and critical thinking skills. Emphasis will be placed on the creative process, art appreciation, and the development of a personal artistic voice.

Course Objectives

- Develop technical skills in various artistic media.
- Understand and apply the elements and principles of design.
- Explore art history and the cultural significance of visual art.
- Critique and reflect on personal and peer artwork.
- Create an art portfolio demonstrating growth and exploration.

Units of Study

1. **Introduction to Art and Design**
2. Elements and Principles of Art
3. Sketchbook Exercises
4. **Drawing Techniques**
5. Pencil, Charcoal, and Ink
6. Still Life and Figure Drawing
7. **Painting**
8. Color Theory
9. Acrylic and Watercolor Painting
10. **Sculpture**
11. Clay and Mixed Media

12. 3D Design Principles

13. Digital Art

14. Introduction to Digital Tools

15. Graphic Design Basics

16. Art History and Appreciation

17. Major Art Movements

18. Contemporary Artists

19. Portfolio Development

20. Project Selection

21. Artist Statements

Assessment and Grading

- Projects and Studio Work: 50%
- Sketchbook and Homework: 20%
- Participation and Effort: 15%
- Quizzes and Written Assignments: 15%

Classroom Expectations

- Respect materials, equipment, and each other.
- Be open to new ideas and constructive criticism.
- Complete assignments on time and to the best of your ability.
- Maintain a positive and creative attitude.

Required Materials (provided)

- Sketchbook (9x12 inches or larger)
- Pencils (HB, 2B, 4B), erasers, and a sharpener
- Set of colored pencils or markers
- Basic set of acrylic or watercolor paints and brushes
- Other materials will be provided as needed

Contact and Office Hours

Please contact the instructor via school email for any questions or concerns. Office hours are available by appointment.