

# PHOTOGRAPHY AND GRAPHIC DESIGN I

2016-  
2017

**Course Description:** The purpose of this class is to provide students with an opportunity to explore the world of visual art, specifically related to photography and graphic design, and to expand upon basic concepts and techniques gained through the Introduction to Art course.

This course also provides students with the opportunity to further develop their abilities in creative problem solving, self-expression, appropriate self and peer critique, and more! All within a fun, relaxed, and community-based environment.

**Required Materials:** Students are expected to provide either a sketchbook or notebook to use for our Art Start activities. Students may use this same resource for their sketches and research, or they may choose to have a separate sketchbook or notebook for each purpose. I would also highly recommend a pencil case or pouch. All other materials will be provided, if available, but students are encouraged to bring in any materials they wish to use on their work.

## Behavior Expectations:

- **Attendance:** Students are expected to attend *all* class periods. Any missed class time must be made up *outside* of class. Students are also expected to take personal responsibility for any missed demonstrations or materials.
- **Tardiness:** Students are expected to be in class on time. Issues with distance may be accommodated for, depending on situation. Chronic tardiness will result in consequences based on school policy and contact with parents/guardians.
- **Studio Environment:** Students are expected to be RESPECTFUL to themselves, to others, to myself, to the art materials, and to any artwork. Any violation of this expectation will result in consequences based on school policy. Students are expected to clean their personal, as well as community space properly every day before leaving class.
- **Homework:** Most homework assignments consist of research and sketches. Generally, the homework load for this class is light. However, this may be dependent on the productivity and success of the student within class studio time. Some students may need more outside time to be successful.

## Daily Procedure Expectations:

- At the beginning of class, students are expected to leave *all outside materials* at the front of the classroom. *Only* a writing utensil and sketchbook/notebook used for the Art Start may be taken to seat.
- Students are expected to begin class at their *assigned seats* for attendance.
- Students are expected to *stay in assigned seats*.
- Students are expected to work for the *entire* given studio time.
- Clean up will begin *no earlier* than 5 minutes before the bell.
- After clean up, students will be dismissed by tables *only* if properly cleaned.

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**Cell Phone Policy:** Because the majority of this class will be spent on a computer, cell phones or electronic devices are *not* allowed during class. Headphones may be brought in to use for personal music through the computer. Any use of cell phones or other electronic devices will result in confiscation of the device and consequences given based on situation.

**Computer Policy:** The computers provided by Jenison are intended to fulfill an *educational* purpose. Therefore, any *personal or inappropriate* use of the computer is not permitted (Use of social media such as Facebook, Instagram, etc., or using the computer to complete homework for other courses or looking at inappropriate content/websites). Violations of this policy will result in consequences based on situation.

**Bathroom Policy:** Bathroom breaks are permitted only during studio time and only one student may be out of the classroom at a time. Bathroom breaks lasting longer than 15 minutes will result in an absence for that class.

**Conversations:** As much as you might think your conversations are private, *they are not*. Any vulgar/inappropriate language or negative comments made about Jenison students, staff, or others *will NOT* be tolerated.

**Grading:**

- Grades for work will be based on a general rubric based on completion, quality, effort, etc.
- In order to receive a grade for completed work, students are expected to first digitally document their work and to upload it into a Google Drive folder. *Undocumented* work will *not* receive a grade, even if it is physically turned in.
- Students will also complete a weekly self-evaluation on productivity, behavioral expectations, and procedures based on a given rubric.

**Spring Art Show:** Every spring, Jenison High School has a showcase of outstanding student artwork from the year. Each student enrolled in an art class, both first and second semester, will select and mount their favorite project to be displayed in the show. Work will be returned at the end of the year.

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

***Signed syllabus due by Monday, September 12<sup>th</sup> for 5 points in gradebook***