

Studio in Art Syllabus

Mrs. Wurst's Art Class

Course Description: This course is designed to provide students with the basic drawing skills and language of art necessary to explore and express individual ideas and techniques in art. The primary components include learning to draw what we see through visual analysis while understanding and creating art through the elements of art and principles of design. Learning how to express our feelings and emotions through the medium of art and our differing perspectives of interpretation are also encouraged. This course helps to provide some fundamental insight into the extensive amount of information that is conveyed visually in our society and other cultures. Careers in art, interpretation of art, history of art, aesthetic awareness, and art criticism will also be addressed. Some of the materials used during the course will be graphite, charcoal, colored pencil, pen and ink, scratch-board, watercolor, acrylic paint, oil pastels, chalk pastels, linoleum, and clay. This course is open to all students and is the primary basis for advanced elective courses in art.

Portfolio: Each student is required to make a portfolio to store in the room. This is where all of your art work will be stored throughout the year. (Remember – never fold your artwork!)

Supplies: Each student will have a supply box along with pencils, an eraser, pencil sharpener, and blending stump. You are responsible for taking care of these materials throughout the year.

Grading: Work will be graded using specific guidelines for each assignment. However, areas that will consistently be graded for every project are: Following Directions, Completing the Project on Time, Neatness, Effort, Class Participation, and Completing the Self-Critique. Major projects are worth twice as much as class exercises.

Critique: There will be a class critique at the end of each project in which everyone will participate. This is mandatory and part of your project grade. Critiquing is a way for you to explain what you have done, talk about your strengths and weaknesses, what was challenging, what you learned, what you liked and disliked, and for your classmates to share their positive feedback on your work.

Deadlines: If you do not finish a project on time, you have up until the end of the 5 week marking period to get it done. Your project will be graded at that time whether it is done or not. Points will be taken off a project if it is unfinished.

Late to Class: Make every effort to be here on time. Three lates result in an After School Detention.

Pencils: Because of the excessive amount of drawing in this class, everyone will be required to have a pencil during every art class. At the beginning of the year I will give you a pencil, eraser, blending stump and a pencil pouch. It is your responsibility to keep track of your supplies, if you lose your pencil than you must replace it with one of your own. You may store your pencils in your folder for safe keeping if you choose. You may Sign-Out a pencil if you choose to, however keep in mind that 3 borrows result in a lunch detention and each time after that. Because of time restrictions, you will not be able to go back to your locker for a pencil once you have entered the classroom.

Cell Phones – Cell phones are not allowed in the classroom at all. If I see you on it, you will be asked to take it to the office.

Bags – Coats and bags need to be stored out in the hallway. They become a tripping hazard when left on the floor in the art room.

Additional Responsibilities:

- Proper care and use of all materials is expected (you are responsible for washing your table, brushes, cups, etc.).
- Stay out of the supply closets and drawers unless given permission.
- Please do not write, scratch, or sit on the tables.
- No lining up by the door at the end of class, wait in your seats for the bell.
- Seats will be assigned alphabetically. If there is a problem, I will change your assigned seat. Do not take it upon yourself to change your own seat.
- Please put all of your projects and exercises in your portfolio and do not throw them away. I will make special time at the end of the year for you to safely transport them to your locker.
- Only artwork is allowed to be worked on in art class, you may not work on homework from other subject areas while in art class.
- You must have a passbook for me to sign if you need to leave the room (bathroom, drink, locker, etc.)
- If you finish a project early you must remain in your seat. I almost always have work to be done around the classroom (cleaning, organizing, putting art displays up and down, etc.).

Final Exam – There will be a Final Exam as mandated by the state and it is worth 20% of your final grade.