

BEGINNING VISUAL ARTS

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COURSE OBJECTIVES:

Beginning Visual Arts is designed to reinforce and build on knowledge and skills developed at the elementary and middle school levels. It is the foundation level for art study throughout high school. The course is primarily devoted to deliberate and systematic presentations of various art processes, procedures, theories, and historical developments. Students will have experiences in producing two-dimensional and three-dimensional artworks. The course emphasizes the study of the elements of art and principles of design, color theory, vocabulary, art criticism, art history, and safety in the art room. The approach to art experiences during this time is experimental in terms of materials. Students are provided a strong foundation in design, drawing and vocabulary.

Here is a link to the standards of this course as designated by North Carolina Department of Instruction:

<http://www.ncpublicschools.org/docs/acre/standards/new-standards/arts/visual/9-12.pdf>

ASSESSMENT: Students are required to complete all assignments to the best of their availability. Students are welcome to rework and redo any assignment they are not happy with for a better grade. **All assignments can only be reworked ONCE for a second grade** and are due at the end of the grading period from which they were assigned. Students' grades will be broken down by the following percentage system: **60% Project, 20%**

Participation, and 20% Tests/Quizzes. Projects will be have an END date in class and will be due **3** class days after. Any projects turned in after this date will automatically be deducted 10%. **ALL PROJECTS MUST HAVE A**

PHOTOGRAPH OF EACH ON GOOGLE CLASSROOM AND YOUR WEEBLY

PROJECTS TURNED IN MORE THAN A WEEK LATE WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

GRADING SYSTEM:

A = 90-100:

B = 80-90:

C = 70-80:

D = 60-70:

F = <59

CLASS PARTICIPATION: Students' participation grade will consist of arriving to class prepared, cleaning up after themselves, participating in class, helping others, homework, and any other action that may aid or prepare themselves or others for or during this course.

DAILY CLEAN UP: Student work on projects will end roughly 10 minutes before the class period ends to allow students to clean up. All students are required to clean up after themselves. This includes wiping down tables or countertops, returning supplies to their proper storage areas and throwing away all used paper towels etc. Points will be deducted for every mess left behind. Chairs must be pushed in.

PROPER BEHAVIOR: Students are expected to conduct themselves in a manner that is conducive to learning and safe for others.

If students purposely misuse an art material, the material will be taken away, and the students will be provided with a written assignment instead. If any student purposely destroys another students' work, then the first student will receive a zero. While taking an exam, if a student looks at another students' paper, talks to another student, or displays characteristics of obvious cheating, they will receive a **ZERO** on their paper

EXPECTED CLASSROOM PROCEDURES:

Be in seat ready for class to begin when bell rings. If you come in after the bell has rung, you will be tardy unless you have a note from a teacher or administrator. You are responsible for your own pencil (wooden not mechanical preferred), eraser and sketchbook, which needs to be brought every day.

Respect the equipment and furnishings of the art room. Art materials do not belong to you. There will be zero tolerance for students abusing art supplies or using them in inappropriate ways. Do not leave foreign matter in the

sinks, this includes: paint brushes, clay, water cups, rags, paper towels and sponges. Have respect for the teacher. When I am speaking, I should be the only one speaking. Pay attention to directions so you give yourself a chance to succeed. Talking back, making noises, profanity and creating class disruptions that take away from other students learning opportunities will not be tolerated. You hold part responsibility for your learning. Sleeping in class or not doing work will greatly diminish your chances of passing this class. Drawing or making inappropriate 2D or 3D work is prohibited. Examples of inappropriate subject matter include: nudity, drugs, cigarettes, alcohol, guns, blood/guts, gang affiliated symbols and any other symbols which could be interpreted to hurt or offend others. Nobody leaves the classroom until it is clean regardless of when the bell rings. Floors, tables, paper cutter, sink and counters should be clean. All materials and projects should be put in their proper place. There should be no talking when an announcement is being made over the intercom. Do not line up at the door for the bell to ring at the end of class.

HEALTH/SAFETY: If a student has medical concerns that could prevent them from participating in class activities, safely using art materials, or moving around the classroom, please see me privately so that a more effective educational plan can be reached to provide a high quality art instruction.

PLAGIARISM: Plagiarism can be defined as "The practice of taking someone else's work or ideas and passing them off as one's own" (Dictionary.com). **THERE IS A ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY FOR PLAGIARISM IN THIS CLASS.** If a student uses work from another student or another source (website, book etc) without giving credit to that source, it is plagiarism. If a student PLAGIARIZES, then the student will receive a ZERO on the assignment.

LEAVING THE CLASSROOM: Students are required to have a pass signed from the teacher each time they leave the classroom. Students must also sign out upon their leave and return to the classroom on the sheet marked by the door.

ATTENDANCE: Students are expected to be in attendance for all classes and are responsible to find out and make up any work missed. Students will have one day per each day of absence to make up any work missed. ***Copies of assignments, project sheets, and other instructional information can be found on the art department website. Students are responsible for all work missed.*** Students cannot make up quizzes/exams/missed work during class time upon their return. They must set a time with the teacher to make up the work either in PLUS lunch or before or after school. Students who are absent for more than 6 days will receive a failing grade. Students cannot leave the classroom 10 minutes after and 10 minutes before the bell, as per school policy.

Any student who arrives after the bell will be considered late. First tardy = teacher warning, Second tardy = parental contact, and third tardy will be referred to administration.

- **BEHAVIOR:** Students are expected to behave in a manner that is favorable to themselves, their peers, Orange County Schools, Orange High School, and faculty. If students misuse an art material, they will not be allowed to use it again in this class, and the destruction of another student's' work will be dealt with accordingly.
- **CELL PHONES/IPODS:** Student use of cell phones is prohibited during instructional class time. Students who have cell phones must keep them OFF and in book bags or purses. First offense of cell phone is a warning. Second offense results in parental contact. Third offense results will result in discipline referral and contact of parents/guardians. IPODS or cell phones ***FOR PROJECT IMAGERY ONLY*** may be used during certain independent work times **if granted teacher permission.**
- **DRESS CODE:** Students will be expected to dress according to the school dress code. Please refer to the OCS website for more information.
http://www.orange.k12.nc.us/ohs/front_page_docs/Dress%20Code%20Review2.pdf
- **EXTRA CREDIT:** There will be opportunities for extra credit in this class. Ongoing EC opportunities include but are not limited to: donating spare art supplies and attending art related activities outside of

school (with the bringing of evidence to school). Students should NOT rely on extra credit to attain a high grade. Projects that go "above and beyond" can earn extra credit points.

PLUS LUNCH SCHEDULE: The Arts PLUS Lunch Schedule is as Follows...

MON. - CLOSED

TUES - A: NAHS, B: Art Club

WED: A & B: Tutoring

THURS. - A & B: Tutoring

FRI. - A & B: Tutoring

MATERIALS AND SUPPLIES:

Required:

- **\$20 fee or \$25 if you would like your own paintbrushes-** *this fee will be put towards a sketchbook, folder, and other personal art supplies for YOU that are essential to this course. This helps negate students from having to search and purchase these materials themselves.*
- **LAPTOP - school provided.** *Many instructions and teaching materials will be found on the art department website and will be used both during and outside of class*
- **Pencil/eraser**
- **Handheld Pencil Sharpener**
- **Large/Old shirt for potentially messy lessons**

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BY SIGNING BELOW (or in the google form) , YOU HAVE ACKNOWLEDGED THAT YOU HAVE READ THE SYLLABUS AND UNDERSTAND THE REQUIREMENTS/EXPECTATIONS OF THE CLASSROOM. Please note that ALL Orange County School Policies hold in the Art Classroom.

Date: _____

Student Name: _____

Student Signature: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Please Check the Proper boxes below and include the corresponding fee for arts. This signed Syllabus and Art Fees are due by Wednesday, February 1st!

I have attached the art fee of **\$20 fee or \$25 if you would like your own paintbrushes** in either a check (made to OHS Arts) or cash. I understand the fee will go towards purchasing of shading pencils (with an eraser and sharpener), a multi media sketchbook, and a large folder that I can use to carry and store projects. I understand that upon receiving these materials, I will be expected to bring them to class. These materials, upon purchasing and receiving, these materials are mine to keep

I require all materials as outlined in the \$20, but due to circumstances will fill out a waiver form. I understand I am responsible for obtaining the form, filling it out, and returning it to you by the due date

I have some of the items included in the art fee either at home or from previous years. However, I do need some supplies. I have marked the supplies below that I need and have included the corresponding fee in check (made to OHS Arts) or cash. **ANY MATERIALS YOU DO NOT PURCHASE THROUGH US, YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR GETTING ON YOUR OWN**

- Graphite Shading Pencil with an eraser and a pencil sharpener (\$)
- Mixed Media Sketchbook 9" x 12" (\$)
- Large Folder Tote to Carry Projects (\$)
- OPTIONAL: Small set of 4 paintbrushes (\$)

I choose to purchase these supplies on my own, and I understand that I am responsible for providing these materials myself

