

VISUAL ARTS 1

2024-2025 SYLLABUS

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Course Description

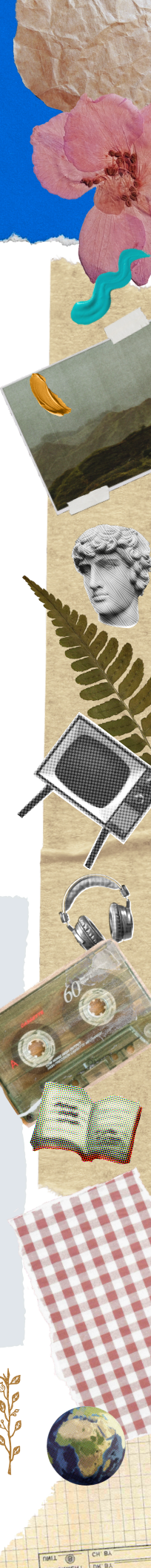
This visual art course is considered an entry-level course. It is intended to offer the student an introduction to a variety of art techniques, styles and media. In addition to art production, the student will be introduced to a wide range of art history, beginning with prehistoric art and ending with modern architecture and other artworks. The artwork we will be viewing will include works from classical Greek and Renaissance artists who often depicted the human form in its natural state. Some of the history will be incorporated into studio art and some of the studio art will be incorporated into a lesson or unit focusing on a historical concept. Again, this course is designed for the student wanting a diverse art experience at a beginning competency level.

Students enrolled in the Visual Art course will be expected to work diligently in class to complete all assignments. Unless you have an excused absence, late work will heavily penalized. Emphasis is placed on drawing from observation, the application of color and design principles as they relate to the visual arts and the entertainment media, understanding the fundamentals of three-dimensional design, recognition of the history of art and its role in the development of visual ideas, and application of the critique process in written (and possibly oral) form.

I will give bonus points to students who exhibit positive attitudes. Points may also be lost for poor attendance to class, breaking school rules, inappropriate behavior in class, and failing to clean up after yourself. Extra credit is just that – extra. If you fail to do the required work, then extra credit is not an option. The points earned can influence a nine weeks grade if there is a borderline status.

Throughout the school year, you will also be required to keep a sketchbook. This will be used to develop ideas and do initial studies for finished pieces. Do not limit your sketchbook to drawing. You can paint in them, paste papers and other things in them, use colored pencils and pastels, and take notes in them. Students are encouraged to draw on a daily basis. You will be required to fill at least 10 pages per 9 weeks (not including assigned tasks).

Please contact me via email if you need to communicate with me or you can find me before or after school. Please do not interrupt any of my other classes throughout the school day.





Rules and guidelines

You will be expected to follow all classroom rules and procedures. Failure to do so will result in disciplinary measures ranging from verbal warnings to office referrals. The rules and procedures are as follows:

1. Guidelines set in the student handbook will be enforced in the classroom (cell phones, Ipods, tardies, etc).
2. Art supplies will be taken outside of the classroom unless the instructor gives you permission to do so. Anyone caught with supplies outside of the classroom can receive suspension as noted in your student handbook.
3. Show respect for your instructor, other classmates, your school, and yourself.
4. Students are responsible for bringing needed materials to class every time we meet. Failure to bring these items will result in a lower participation grade.

You will be graded as follows:

Art Projects - 30%
Sketchbook/homework - 30%
Exams - 20%
Quizzes/Participation - 20%

Unless prior arrangements have been made, late work will not be accepted (with the exception of excused absences). Make every attempt to turn in work on time.

Parents, your child's first assignment is for you to contact me. My email address is **katie.maxwell@chestercountyschools.org**. You may also access my email address through the Chester County High School webpage at <http://chestercountyschools.org/HS/index.html>. This will allow me to have your email on file in case I need to contact you or send you progress reports. I will give students a 100 homework grade if you can email me with a quick note telling me a little about your child and any questions you have for me. If you do not have this capability, I will not penalize your child. Please feel free to contact me at any time.

I encourage and expect you to do your absolute best in this class. It is for this reason that I am asking you to write in the blank below what grade you expect to earn this year. I will meet with each of you periodically to discuss your progress and advise you what you need to be doing to meet your goal.

Anticipated grade _____ (A, B, or C – D's and F's are not acceptable answers)

student signature date

parent/guardian signature date

Parents, I also have the option to send you progress reports via email. If you would like for me to do this, please put your email address below. Progress reports will be sent out around the middle of each nine weeks. Please print clearly.

Email address

Return this paper by Friday, Aug. 9th