

This is the introductory art course that focuses on experiences creating and responding to art. It is based on the understanding and application of the elements and principles of art. Emphasis will be placed on production, and on forming a value system for art criticism. Students will develop understanding and appreciation through creating, writing and, speaking about for a variety of art forms. Students will be challenged to creatively problem solve and think critically about both their own artwork and that of others. Students who successfully complete this course may choose to continue through the Canyon **Fine Arts Career Pathway**.

ART SUPPLIES

Art is a lot more fun when we have a variety of materials to create with. You are not required to purchase anything for this course, but I hope to be able to do more than just pencils and paper. PLEASE CONTRIBUTE... A one-time contribution will go a long way to improve the art program and provide more resources. Cash or Checks to "Canyon ASB." Thank you in advance for your help!!!

GRADING

Overall student course grades will be based on class assignments & activities, homework, quizzes, and participation. Projects will be graded on five general criteria: creativity/originality, craftsmanship, effort/use of time, technique/use of materials, and the requirements stated at the beginning of each project. Students must complete a **project reflection** and **self-evaluate** before submitting projects.

Approximate Breakdown

65% Projects / Assignments
15% Homework / Sketchbook
20% Participation / Use of class time

Check out www.classdojo.com for more on participation.

CLASSWORK & PROJECTS

The course content requires a high level of self-motivation. Simply "completing" an assignment does not equate to a good grade. Students are expected to creatively apply techniques to complete assignments on time and additional work time outside of class is a reality for this course. I am available most days at lunch if students need extra help completing assignments. Major assignments are accepted late but with grade consequences. **The most common reason for earning poor grades in art is the failure to turn in projects.**

HOMEWORK & SKETCHBOOK

NO LATE HOMEWORK ACCEPTED. Homework will be assigned weekly throughout the semester. **It is most often due on Friday's once a week so get into a routine.** Please review the *sketchbook assignment list* for the overview of assignments for the semester.

Sign up to receive (occasional) text messages.
Safe and easy with no numbers exchanged.



BEHAVIOR & EXPECTATIONS

The art room is a place where you have freedom to be expressive, creative, and share your ideas with others. My number one goal is to create a positive class environment. That said let's discuss some specific classroom policies.

- ★ **Respect** - *If I am going over information or another student is talking, put down your work, end your conversation and direct your attention toward the speaker.*
- ★ **Safety** - *zero tolerance...need I say more.*
- ★ **Cooperation** - *If you are asked to move your seat, hand over a phone, put away food, etc please do so without defiance. If you want to discuss the situation please do it after class.*
- ★ **Language** - *Just because it doesn't offend YOU doesn't mean it won't offend others. Please do not use the terms "gay" or "retarded" as a negative comment. Be sensitive with your word choice in this classroom and life.*
- ★ **Food and drinks** - *Eat before you come to class or during brunch.*
- ★ **Phones** - *Phones must be stored during class. Your phone will be confiscated if it is distracting you or others from completing classwork.*
- ★ **Responsibility** - *The art room is a communal workspace. You are expected to keep the classroom and supplies in clean and working order.*

If these expectations cannot be met, appropriate consequences will be given. Depending on the offense they may include phone calls home, detentions, referrals, or Saturday School assignment. Be safe, be respectful, participate positively in class and you should have a great semester.

ATTENDANCE POLICY

Your attendance is essential to your learning and to the education of the class as a whole. Like most teachers, I ask that you warn me ahead of time of any absences. Missed class time due to excessive tardies and absences is frequently a cause for poor grades. Tardies and absences will be documented and reported to administration. Multiple occurrences may result in consequences such as; lunch detention, Saturday school or loss of privileges. Be in class when the bell rings!

***** Students will receive reasonable make up time for assignments after absences. Students who miss more than 15 days from any class during a semester are subject to a failing grade in that class.**

DEAR PARENTS/GUARDIANS,

I look forward to having your child in my class. Please complete and return the attached forms after reviewing the syllabus. Please email me bmccann@hartdistrict.org with any questions. Thank you for supporting your child's creative interests.

Sincerely,



Brendan McCann

ART 1A SYLLABUS

Due: _____

Thank you for looking over the syllabus. Please visit my website and take a few minutes to read the information and "digitally sign" the syllabus as well.

www.mccannsartroom.weebly.com

Student Name: _____ Period _____

Will you help this art class meet its supply contribution goal?

- I have included a contribution (check "Canyon ASB"/cash).*
- I have read and understand the requirements and policies for this class.*

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Signature: _____ Date: _____

Additional Info about your child:

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