

Visual Arts 1 - Spring 2020

Welcome Letter and Syllabus Mrs. Granberg's Class

WELCOME!

Welcome to Visual Arts 1! I'm excited to begin this new semester together. I hope you come ready to work hard and be creative!

I love to see my students grow in skill, character, and confidence. It is my hope to encourage all my students to believe in their great worth, and feel the safety necessary to take risks. Everyone's talent and interests vary widely so I do not expect every student to love art. However, as a well-rounded individual with an excellent work ethic I expect them to be open minded and willing to challenge themselves. If students use class time responsibly there will be little to no homework in my class.

I welcome communication from students and their families. Please feel free to contact me with questions or concerns via the following contact information.

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CLASS POLICIES

- **Be H.E.R.E.:** Honest - Engaged - Respectful - Empathetic (School-wide initiative)
- **Cell phones/devices:**
 - NEVER: During teacher instruction
 - SOMETIMES: During student work time. Students are expected to self-manage cell phone usage in a responsible and mature way as practice for adulthood. If it becomes a distraction from class work it will be required to put it away. You MAY listen to headphones during work time but the volume must be low enough that you can still hear, and remove them, if I address the class.
 - NEVER: to play games, watch videos, or to take pictures of others. If it becomes a distraction from work, I reserve the right to ask you to put your cell phone away or keep it at my desk it to help ensure your success in class.
- **Attendance**
 - "Late"= less than 10 min at the beginning OR end of the class period
 - "Tardy"= Missing more than 10 minutes ANY time during the class period
 - If you're late or tardy you must come tell me- in order not to be counted absent. I have a lot demanding my attention and may not always notice if you come in late.
- **Leaving class:** Please respect class-time. You must ask before leaving class. Sign in and out on the clipboard under the clock. You may only leave: AFTER the first 10 minutes. BEFORE the last 5 minutes of class. Any errand out of class should be under 10 minutes or you will be marked tardy. If you leave before the bell at the end of class you will be marked late.
- **Responsibility:** As young adults you are expected to be problem solvers and take responsibility for yourself, your ideas, your behavior towards others, cleaning up, being resourceful, etc. Your cleanliness and taking initiative in class will be part of your "Studio Conduct" grade. You should be aware of the location of classroom supplies, your own projects, and turn-in location.
- **Communication:** I have an open ear to whatever concerns or questions you may have. Please communicate with me in whatever way you feel comfortable (via email, a written note, face to face, etc.). I want my class to be a safe, open space where all voices can be heard. Please wait

until the middle of class (i.e. after attendance and instruction) to ask questions about grades, past projects, etc.

- **Absences:** If you miss class it is your responsibility to take the initiative to make up work. First check my website for assignments and read written directions there. After that you may ask questions.
- **Seating:** Please stay in your assigned seat except for NECESSARY errands around the room to get materials, etc. This is to minimize chaos and distractions. You are always welcome to come up to my desk to ask questions or get project help.
- New rules or policies may be implemented as needed.

SCOPE OF COURSE *Learning Focuses:*

- Art elements and principles
- Color theory
- Drawing skills
 - Mark making, value and form, proportion and accuracy
- Knowledge of materials and various media
- Creativity and conceptualization
- Analyzing connections to society and to personal experience

GRADING	Grade Percentage	What
	15%	<i>Studio Conduct - Responsibility, cleanliness, effort and participation</i>
	15%	<i>Sketchbook Assignments - Any small assignment that is NOT a major project</i>
	70%	<i>Major Projects</i>

CLASS MATERIALS FEE \$15.00. Due one month after the semester begins. This fee covers a variety of art supplies needed for assignments and to have a rich experience in art-making. Student fees will turn to fines on October 1st. Please pay by taking cash, check or fee reduction/waiver to the bookkeeper. Or follow the following link to pay online: <https://web.issaquah.wednet.edu/TouchBase/> If there is a special circumstance preventing you from paying the lab fee on time, please let me or the bookkeeper know. *Suggested Supplies: A sketchbook! You will not be provided with a sketchbook, however you may prefer to use one in class rather than loose paper for sketchbook assignments.*

PLEASE NOTE WHEN STUDYING ART: Historically artists have dealt with sensitive subject matter such as wars, religions, emotional issues, nudity, etc. As you study art these subjects may appear. This class will address the subjects historically, but does not advocate any particular philosophy concerning these subjects. Please address any reservations you have about the subject matter with the teacher.

You are responsible for reading, understanding and abiding by the content of the syllabus.