

Syllabus

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7th grade- Rm. 602

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Goals for this class:

1.) Living Skills learned in art:

An art class provides the student with an opportunity to gain experience working both individually and as a team member. The students increase confidence in their abilities to be successful and productive with the skills they develop here. They will have the opportunity to explore their good, better, and best skills in working with others as well as the art work they do.

2.) Art and Art skills:

- We will study the *elements of art and principles of design* through a variety of methods. They will have *experiences with a variety of media* and art techniques and will see the practical side of art as well. Students will increase their abilities with art tools and techniques.
- We achieve this as if the student were “on the job” as an artist while in class. We will study different jobs available in art today and in today's art world most artists work as a part of a design team. *The students will learn the basics of teamwork and the business of art as a part of the class structure.*
- Students will also have ample opportunities for individual work .
- Students will also gain an understanding of *perspective, proportion, and dimension.*

Class Rules:

1) Be *here*; Attendance is imperative. Be *on time*; This includes assignments. Be *on task*; Always be working on one of the assignments or projects while in the classroom.

2) Follow all rules as directed in the district code of conduct.

These are *listed in the handbook given to the students on the first day of school* and we will cover them on occasion in class as we look at other cultures through history and how art affects society.

3) Respect:

Respect *all people in the classroom*, including and starting with yourself and including everyone in the room.

4) We will cover additional classroom procedures in class the first week.

The work we will do: Most of our study units will be only one week long but there are a couple that will take two weeks. These are the things that will be graded.

- 1.) At least one piece of artwork produced per unit.
- 2.) One or more sketchbook assignments per week.
- 3.) Student self evaluation sheet for each artwork turned in for a grade.
- 4.) Written test. (Don't worry, they are short, not difficult and we only have a couple.)
- 5.) Since we are looking at the world of art and design as they operate today and will be working in design teams, **classroom discussion and participation will be graded as well.**

- 6.) There will be opportunities during the semester for earning extra credit if you decide you want to do that
- 7.) There will be at least one research paper due during the semester but there will be ample time in class to do the work. This will be counted in the daily grades. (We'll talk about this one in class.)

Sketchbook/Journals are graded on Tuesday. Most of our Projects are graded on Fridays. Here is the breakdown on how you earn your grades:

Tests (Our projects count as a test)	50%
Daily Work	40%
Homework (the sketchbook assignment counts as homework)	10%

Competitions

Our major competitions at the 7th grade level are:

Houston Livestock Rodeo and Art Show
Bush Memorial Library Art Competition
Sawmill Art Competition

For the students in the fall semester who are interested in competing in the spring competition, we will make arrangements for your entry even though you will no longer be in the class at that time.

I am looking forward to working with you and your child this year. I know it sounds like a lot of work but it is a lot of fun doing it and the kids always enjoy it. Please feel free to contact me. My conference is 5th period (11:06-11:50) and my contact information is included below, you can also call and leave a message if I am in class and I will return the call.

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