

# **Syllabus for Audio & Video Technology & Film I**

Grovetown High School – Room 605 (classroom), Room 603 (studio)  
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This year-long course is the introductory class for the A/V Technology & Film career pathway. It provides a foundation for students to progress to the advanced course in future years. The course covers the essential aspects of professional television and film production, with a strong emphasis on a hands-on approach. This practical learning style not only engages students but also prepares them for the advanced course. It's important to note that our classroom and studio function as a professional video production and editing facility, so maintaining high standards of behavior and performance is crucial.

## **Classroom Expectations & Rules (READ AND FOLLOW VERY CLOSELY):**

- ❑ Always exhibit professionalism, kindness, and respect when working alone or with peers, whether inside or outside the classroom or studio.
- ❑ When the class bell rings, you should be in your seat or walking directly to your seat immediately, without Mr. Plunk telling you to sit down. If you regularly need reminders to stop talking and sit down after the bell has rung to start the class period, you will receive lunch detention every time it occurs if the behavior doesn't stop.

## **The Columbia County Code of Conduct has been amended and states the following:**

- ❑ **Electronic Devices (Code #34)** – Electronic devices should not be out, on, or in use unless at any time during the school day, including while on school bus transportation. Examples include, but are not limited to, **cell phones, tablets, headphones, earbuds, smart glasses, smartwatches**, and other similar electronic devices. **Electronic devices must be kept in a bookbag or locker, and not anywhere on a student's person.** Electronic device ringer, alerts, and alarms should be turned off.
- ❑ The school administration has directed teachers at Grovetown High School to assign lunch detention to any student who fails to comply with district expectations on the first offense. If a student does not comply after serving lunch detention, a referral will be submitted to the school administration for further disciplinary action each time the student is seen with electronic devices of any kind.
- ❑ Please note that, according to the Columbia County School District Code of Conduct, **the use of personal headphones and earbuds is not permitted.**
- ❑ Mr. Plunk will provide classroom headphones at the school for class-related assignments and projects only. You may not connect or use your earbuds or headphones to your iMac.
- ❑ If you are caught using classroom iMacs or headphones to watch or listen to anything not related to the class, including, but not limited to, YouTube, Spotify, Pandora, or anything similar, Mr. Plunk will report you to the school administration for 'Student Incivility' or worse. You must understand and adhere to this rule. **You cannot listen to music from any of these sites while working on classwork.**
- ❑ If Mr. Plunk sees your cell phone, headphones, earbuds, smartwatch, or any other electronic device, you will receive either a lunch detention or an office referral and be instructed to put the device in your book bag. Refusal to completely and immediately place your cell phone into your book bag will result in a write-up to school administration by Mr. Plunk for "Non-Compliance" and/or "Disrespectful to School Personnel."

- ❑ **Cell phone charging** is not permitted in the classroom. Students caught charging their phones will be given lunch detention or reported to the school administration for 'Student Incivility' or face more severe consequences.
- ❑ If you are not in the classroom when the class period begins, you will be marked **TARDY**, regardless of whether the classroom door is open or closed, **unless you have a written note from a school staff member. Students will be marked tardy if they are outside the classroom when the bell signaling the start of the period stops ringing.** I will usually be at the door between classes and close it once the bell stops. However, if I am away from the door, students who enter after the bell stops will still be marked tardy. Receiving multiple tardy marks may result in Lunch Detention, In-School Suspension, or Out-of-School Suspension.
- ❑ If you are on a website, such as YouTube, Spotify, or a similar platform, and view or listen to content that Mr. Plunk considers **inappropriate**, you will be reported to the school administration for 'Computer Misuse' or a more severe offense, depending on the severity of the violation. **Attempting to minimize the window or hide the fact that you're breaking the classroom rules will most likely be noticed by Mr. Plunk.** This will result in further disciplinary action, which could include lunch detention, suspension, or other consequences, for being dishonest and deceitful.

#### **Course Grading Procedure:**

60% - Major Project & Test Grades (**study guides on Google Classroom**)

40% - Classwork Grades

#### **School Rules for Reassessment on a Test:**

- ❑ There's no minimum score for reassessment.
- ❑ You can not reassess the same day that you ask Mr. Plunk to do so.
- ❑ All reassessments **MUST** be taken in Mr. Plunk's classroom.
- ❑ You may only reassess **ONCE** to determine whether the grade increases or decreases.
- ❑ The maximum grade that can be earned on a reassessment is a 90, even if you score higher than a 90.

#### **Course Pacing Guide for Audio & Video Technology & Film I:**

This course focuses on the critical aspects of professional television and film production. Each unit will have a different duration and conclude with its written test. Study guides will be posted in advance on Google Classroom, and you are responsible for studying and thoroughly understanding the test material at your own pace. The study guides can also be accessed on Mr. Plunk's website.

<b>Semester 1</b>	<b>Semester 2</b>
<b>Unit</b>	<b>Unit</b>
Safety	Storyboarding
Copyright Laws	Lighting
Basic Audio Editing	News Show
Audio & Microphones	Short Student Films
Cameras	Advanced Editing (if time allows)
Script Writing	
Basic Editing	