



BENTONVILLE HIGH SCHOOL

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Visual Art Foundations 1

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Please check your grade on Home Access Center for up to date information.

Arkansas Frameworks: Visual Art Foundations I

https://dese.ade.arkansas.gov/Files/20201209132039_ADE_0320-001.VisualArtStandards.FA.HIGHRES_1.pdf

Welcome to Visual Art Foundations 1!

Course Description: This is a full year course with no prerequisite. Students will explore the elements and principles of art with various media (materials used to create art) to produce their own artwork. Students are expected to learn and use art vocabulary and be able to discuss their art process. Students will listen to short lectures, observe demonstrations, examine art examples, participate in practice exercises, and explore media techniques to expand their thinking and discover their own process for creating art.

Each student can create works of art that are of high quality. As with other subjects and athletics, improvements can be made through time and effort in practice. Students should have a positive attitude and growth mindset in order to achieve the best results. Everyone is expected to follow instructions and put forth her/his best effort. I am glad you are in my class and look forward to working with you.

Units of Study: We will be focused on learning about the elements and principles of art, such as the following: Line, Shape/Form, Space/Perspective, Color Families, Texture, Value, & Movement.

Grading & Late Work Policy: District grading policies will be followed in this course. Students will be made aware of how assignments are graded using rubrics. Common categories are: Completion of Objectives, Craftsmanship, Creativity, & Composition/Design. If a student has been working diligently during class, s/he may continue working on the project up to two weeks past the due date during Flex, or at home, with no penalty (unless there are fewer than two weeks left in the semester). Incomplete work will receive partial credit. Work submitted after the deadline will receive an L.

Since this is a studio course, students will do almost all of their work during class time. If you are absent, please schedule for the next available Flex period to make up missed work.

Tech Policy: Students have Chromebooks they may use for research and Google Classroom assignments. School policy regarding technology in accordance with Arkansas Act 122 of 2025 will be enforced. Personal electronic devices cannot be seen or heard at school. This includes cell phones, smartwatches, wireless earbuds, gaming devices, cameras, Bluetooth devices & more. Devices must be off & stored in student backpacks.

[Bell to Bell No Cell Policy](#)

Course Fees: This course has a \$15 course fee, which funds supplies for our classwork. This fee can be viewed and paid in My Payments Plus.

Note: Please be respectful of the tools we use in class. Most of the things we use are a class set and are shared by many students. If a student breaks a tool due to misuse after being instructed how to properly use it, the student may be written up and a fee may be charged to replace the damaged item.

Semester & Final Assessments: This course will have a semester exam and end of year final exam. The BHS exemption policy applies to this course.

Academic Integrity: All work must be completed individually unless otherwise stated. Academic integrity is taken very seriously in this class. You can read the school policy here: [You can read the school policy here.](#)

AI Usage and Citing Work: In this class, using AI generated writing or imagery on assignments is considered plagiarism. All writing and artwork must be completed by you. The usage of generative AI is not permitted on assignments unless otherwise stated.

Checking your Grades Online

Here's what you may see and what it means when checking your grades online:

Blank–The assignment is yet to be graded.

N–Work has not been submitted.

X–Student has been exempted from the assignment; does not count against final grade.

0–Student earned no points for the assignment.

Z–Student has not turned in the assignment and it is past due

L–Student has turned in work after the deadline has passed

Note to Parents & Guardians

I am grateful to be able to teach your child in class and look forward to a wonderful school year! If you ever have any concerns or questions, please feel welcome to contact me at school or by email mperreault@bentonvillek12.org. Thank you so much for all you do for your student!