

6th Grade Art Syllabus

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Availability:

Emails will not be checked after 3:30 PM on Fridays. Any communication received over the weekend will be addressed Monday morning after 7:45 AM.

Course Description & Objectives

Throughout this course, students will explore a variety of artistic media, tools, and processes. Emphasis will be placed on craftsmanship, problem-solving, and creative thinking while applying the elements and principles of art.

By the end of this course, students will be able to:

- Identify and properly use basic art tools
 - Understand what makes an artwork well-crafted
 - Utilize different artistic techniques
 - Solve visual problems creatively
 - Apply the elements and principles of design in their work
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Classroom Expectations

General Behavior & Respect:

- Be respectful to your classmates, your teacher, the space, and the materials provided.

- Raise your hand during instruction. Do not talk over others during discussions or critiques.
- New tables must stay clean—no scratching or writing on surfaces.
- All supplies provided are for classroom use only. Taking materials without permission will result in loss of access for all students.

Organization & Clean-Up:

- Bring a pencil and a fully charged Chromebook to class each day.
- Stay current with Google Classroom—each project and its expectations will be posted there.
- Grades will be posted in Infinite Campus.
- Clean-up is a daily expectation, even if you didn't make the mess.
- Tools and materials must be returned to their proper place at the end of each class.

Furniture & Space Use:

- Stools must remain at their designated tables. Do not move them, this affects my other seating charts, and I'm tired of putting them back.
- Push in your stool at the end of class.
- My desk is off-limits. If you need something, please ask.

Food & Drink:

- Gum is not allowed due to past issues with improper disposal.
- No open beverages are allowed in the art room. If you bring one, it will be poured out.
- Bottles with closeable tops are allowed but must remain sealed when not in use.

Cell Phone Use: (Right from Student Handbook)

- Cell phones and personal electronic devices are not a necessity for the educational process, all necessary technology use can be done on school provided equipment. Cell phones will not be allowed during class time, and should be kept in the student's locker. If a teacher sees a cell phone in class, it would be considered an infraction. High school students will be allowed to have their cell phones during their lunch period. Middle school students will not be allowed to have their phone at all during the school day.
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Grading Policy

- **Projects** – 65%
 - **Practice Work** – 35%
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Units of Study

- **One-Point Perspective Cities** (Drawing)
 - **Van Gogh Collaborative Mural** (Painting)
 - **Decorative Boxes** (Ceramics)
 - **Cultural Symbols** (Printmaking)
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Assignment Policies

Retakes:

If you are not satisfied with a project grade, you may revise and resubmit it any time before the end of the semester. Re-submissions will be graded as time allows, with current projects taking priority.

Paper Option:

Each project comes with an alternate paper-based option.

- If you choose not to complete the art project, you may complete the paper option during class.
 - If you complete the project but want to improve your grade, you may complete the paper option for bonus points—but this must be done outside of class time.
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Questions?

If anything is unclear, or if you need help at any time, please don't hesitate to ask.