

Classroom Expectations

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Digital Arts 1

Course Description:

This introductory course covers controlling computer technology to produce artistic images and designs. Students will learn computer illustration techniques, image manipulation, digital camera use, and graphic design visual literacy. As students are introduced to the various fields in the digital arts, they will learn and apply the fundamentals of design with software applications (Adobe CC), as well as study the language of art and the principles of design. Throughout the course we will examine both contemporary and historical Graphic Artists and their impacts on society and the art world. Projects coordinate technical skills with organization, management, communication, ethics and teamwork.

Parents are encouraged to join Canvas through the Canvas Parent App if they would like access to instructional materials. Skyward is still our primary grade book and is considered to be the official grading system for all courses at Lenoir City High School. We encourage all families to use their Skyward Parent Access accounts for current attendance and grading information.

Class Fee: \$20.00 (for printing and portfolio projects)

Suggested supplies: (These are not required, but will be very helpful for you) Headphones (for video tutorials, thumb drive (for saving work), and a sd memory card 8gb or larger. I will have these available for check out, but it is easier to have your own.

Philosophy: Instruction will be provided both with visual demonstrations and through assignments that encourage creativity and critical thinking. Students are encouraged to explore their creativity and actively engage in all steps of the creative process: brainstorming, sketching, collecting visual research, responding to creative prompts, risk taking, refining, and reflecting. As students refine their skills making and creating, they will also be deepening their understanding of art/design history, criticism and aesthetics. Students will be given challenging real world projects and assignments typical of the graphic design industry.

Course Goals: As a result of taking this class, you should be able to...

1. Demonstrate an understanding of the elements and principles of design.
2. Read, understand and communicate in the language of graphic design.
3. Use technology such as Adobe Creative Suite.
4. Demonstrate positive work behavior and leadership skills.
5. Solve problems using critical thinking strategies.
6. Constructively critique other students' work as well as reflecting on your own.

Lenoir City Schools District policies will be followed in regard to attendance, grading, discipline, dress code, textbooks, and media materials.

Attendance

When you are absent from school, it is your responsibility to find out what you have missed. It will be your responsibility to see me before or after class to gain additional materials and to turn in your late work. Since most of our work is done on Adobe photoshop, it is difficult to complete missing work at home. You may need to come before or after school to complete your work.

Bellringers

Upon entering the classroom, you should begin working on your bellringer. You have weekly assignments on canvas. These starters will be focused on ACT type questions.

Grading

All assignments are given a specific point value. All points are added together, and your final grade is based on the percentage of total points earned. To determine the grade, simply divide the number of points earned by the number of points possible. The result will be your percentage out of 100.

Materials

Most of our work is completed on the computers in the lab. Headphones will be very helpful.

Class Dismissal

When it is time for class to end, I will let you know to pack up your belongings and go to your next class. Do not begin packing up until you are told to do so. I will dismiss you from class when the area around your desk is neat and all papers and books are in their proper places.

Classroom Rules

The rules for my classroom are as follows:

- Respect yourself, your classmates, your teacher, and your environment.
- Pay attention and complete all assignments on time and to the best of your ability.
- Follow all school rules and classroom instructions.

Calendar of Events (All projects are completed during class. If a student misses class, they will need to come before or after school to make up work.

Unit 1 Digital Arts Safety and Computer Basics: Safety Exam

Unit 2 Photography Photography quizzes and project

Unit 3 Intro to design Intro to Design quizzes and project

Unit 4 Photoshop (bulk of work will be in this unit. We will have a new project each week determined by student interest. Students will learn all major photo editing tools as well as art tools on photoshop.

Unit 5 Photoshop State Certification.

Thank you for taking the time to read this information. I look forward to having a great school year! I appreciate your cooperation and support. Please sign below.

Please detach the portion below this line and return.

I have read and understood the course outline for Ms. Wallace's class.

Student Name (print): _____

Student Signature: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Parent email/and or phone number: _____

What is the best way to reach you? Please circle one: text email