

The STEM Academy
Film @ STEM
Seventh Grade
#filmatstem

Course Title	Language Arts/Gr 7 Conn Enrich 07	Term	2021-2022
Instructor	Mary Ann Rogers Lamberth	Room #	E4

Teacher E-mail	maryann.lamberth@sccpss.com
Teacher Website	http://filmatstem.weebly.com
Teacher Support	Help sessions are offered by appointment (2 days advance notice by email from parents required) after school Tuesday & Thursday. Students should be picked up by 3:30 pm unless other arrangements are made

Course Description

7th Grade Film and Broadcasting is a designated Apps course at The STEM Academy designed to move students from a basic understanding to a proficient use of skills in filmmaking and broadcasting. Students will analyze and produce their own PSAs, commercials, and short films. Students will demonstrate an elevated knowledge in filmmaking by making short films in multiple genres while studying the nuances of those genres. Students will evaluate the tools utilized by directors, actors, reporters, producers, and editors and use their evaluations to improve their own works. Students will publish their work for public review, hosting festivals and working to understand what goes into the setup of a film festival and public display.

Classroom Supplies

REQUIRED *Something to write on (notebook paper) *Something to write with (pencil or blue/black ink pen) *Something to keep your notes in (folder/notebook) *Student iPad	RECOMMENDED *BYOT *Earbuds *Expo Markers *Supplies for film production
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Evaluation and Grading

Category	Grade Weights	Grading Scale
Classwork	40%	A: 90 and above B: 80-89 C: 70-79 F: 69 or below
Quizzes, Tests, and Major Projects	60%	

Classroom Philosophy

1. Be good.
2. Do good.
3. Love Your People.

Classroom Rules

1. Follow directions quickly.
2. Raise your hand for permission to speak (whole group).
3. Sign out and in when travelling outside the classroom door.
4. Clean it up. Put it up. Make it better.
5. Make smart choices: Kindness, Leadership, Courage, Invincible Grit, Creativity
6. Keep your dear teacher happy (and show her where she left her coffee cup)!
7. Respect all beings, materials, and technology.
8. No lotions, potions, or smelly things.
9. **The Diamond Rule:** Keep your eyes on the target, please!

Technology and Materials

A large majority of classroom time will involve using video and broadcast production equipment, including professional grade lighting, sound boards, and more. Students are asked to respect all materials, use two hands when carrying or moving anything from one location to another, put all materials back in an organized manner in the right place, and to report any equipment issues or malfunctions immediately. Failure to show respect for classroom materials and/or intentional harm to materials may result in loss of privileges of using classroom materials and/or disciplinary action. As well, “Abuse, damage, or loss of school materials and other school property assigned to students may result in fines to repair or replace items according to board policy #0991” (STEM Academy Student Handbook, p. 7, 2017).

Though technology use is a large part of our school day at STEM and Film @ STEM, students are reminded to use technology wisely. Students using unapproved apps, messaging, or participating in any off-task behaviors will be asked to return to their academic work and may receive loss of technology and/or disciplinary consequences upon repeat offenses.

Students are reminded, per the SCCPSS Student Handbook, that “No student shall photograph, videotape, record, or reproduce, via any audio or video means, another student or staff member on board property without the expressed written permission of a teacher or administrator”

itslearning

Students will use itslearning on a regular basis to do assignments electronically. It is very important for students to check itslearning daily and complete assignments in a timely manner. It is pertinent for students to review grades and feedback posted to itslearning as well as reading their school email.

Copyright and Plagiarism

These are serious academic offenses that will not be tolerated. If a student is caught cheating, plagiarizing, or violating the fair use doctrine, a ticket will be issued and a grade of zero will be given without an opportunity for make-ups or redos. This includes copying and pasting any written text, video, and/or image/graphic. Students will adhere to all board and school guidelines. Students are encouraged to visit the district's Copyright webpage at <http://internet.savannah.chatham.k12.ga.us/schools/wces/Pages/CopyRight.aspx>

Missing and Late Work

Students are encouraged to be in attendance daily. However, emergencies and illness do arise. Students are encouraged to check itslearning as soon as possible to stay alert to classroom assignments and news. If a student is absent, it is his/her responsibility to check itslearning, check with a responsible classmate, and check with the teacher for any work that was missed. All makeup and missing work shall be submitted and/or completed according to the student handbook. Missing and/or late work may be submitted to the link on our classroom website at filmatstem.weebly.com and/or tinyurl.com/filmatstemlatemissingwork if it cannot be submitted directly to itsLearning. Submitting any late/or missing work shall be followed by an email to Ms. Lamberth at maryann.lamberth@sccpss.com to confirm submission. Failure to do so will result in the assignment not being graded. Missing/late work will be graded after all other current assignments. Missing/late work will be entered once every 7 days.

“Late” is defined as anything turned in after the requested day/time OR after Homeroom the following morning - allowing for students to resolve any technology issues that may have prevented turn-in on time. Please refer to the student handbook for the

school's late policy. Submitting any late/or missing work shall be followed by an email to Ms. Lamberth at maryann.lamberth@sccpss.com to confirm submission. Failure to do so will result in the assignment not being graded.

Re-Do

Opportunities for **assessment** and **culminating project re-dos** are at the discretion of the teacher. It is the **student's responsibility** to **email** the teacher and advocate for an opportunity for a redo on an assessment. **A maximum redo score is 80%.**

Communication

Students are reminded that school email is to be considered professional or business correspondence. Emails should include a subject line, a greeting/salutation, etc. It is highly recommended that students utilize hemingwayeditor.com or another proofreading site before sending any email to a mentor, vendor, etc. Ms. Lamberth will be happy to proofread any external communication for you before it is sent.

Please be mindful Ms. Lamberth works to communicate efficiently with all students and parents. Please allow up to 24 hours (during the school week) for a message to be returned. Correspondence between 6 p.m. and 7 a.m. and on weekends may be limited.

Advocacy

Students are encouraged to be self-advocates, e-mailing and corresponding with Ms. Lamberth with questions, concerns, and suggestions.

The Importance of Having a Plan

"The man who does not plan long ahead will find trouble at his door," Confucius once said. Students will be encouraged to follow the filmmaking and broadcasting process. Filming without storyboarding, testing lighting and sound, and/or scripting will result in a 30% loss of points on all assessments and projects.

Powerschool

Student grades will be available via PowerSchool. Parents are encouraged to check regularly for updates.

E-Learning

E-Learning requires dedication and patience. Each day you will need to follow the e-learning calendar and bell schedule. Login on time or a few minutes before. Be prepared. Ensure you have adequate lighting, your face is visible, your background is not distracting, and that your audio is muted when you first login. Participation is key along with diligently following the assignment directions and due dates. Be sure to ask questions and use your virtual time with Ms. Lamberth wisely.

Tutorial will be available for students Mondays, Tuesday, and Thursdays during the designated e-learning tutorial time. Students should see the e-learning calendar and bell schedule for details. Links to tutorials will be available in itslearning.

*Please detach, sign, and return to Ms. Lamberth.

7th Grade - Film@STEM - Syllabus - Lamberth

Student's Name _____ Class Period _____ Homeroom _____

I, (Student's Name) _____ have read and discussed the syllabus with my parent/guardian and understand I will be held accountable to all rules, procedures, and learning goals listed.

Student's Signature _____ Date _____

Student's School E-mail _____@students.sccpss.com

I, the parent/guardian of (Student's Name) _____ have read and discussed the syllabus with my student and understand he/she will be held accountable to all rules, procedures, and learning goals listed.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian E-mail _____ Parent/Guardian Phone Number _____

*Parents are encouraged to update all contact information with the Main Office of STEM.

*Please e-mail Mrs. Lamberth with any special information pertinent to student success at maryann.lamberth@sccpss.com.

*Syllabus may be updated and is subject to changes throughout the year.