**Independent Art**

**Course Description:**

This course is for self-motivated students who wish to go above and beyond what they have been able to accomplish in the traditional art class. The student will design and execute their projects with guidance from me when needed. If the student does not meet the benchmark goals set in the independent contract or the behavior expectations established, he or she will be removed from the course and placed in a study hall.

**Supplies:**

-Unlined Sketchbook

**Projects/Assignments:**

Major Projects:

* Self-designed projects to be completed in a timely manner.

Bi-Weekly Meetings:

* A way for the student to self-reflect upon their work, share ideas, communicate with other TLHS Independent Art students
* A way to get help in planning for future projects
* A way for student and teacher to communicate about ongoing projects when we have little time in class to do so.

**Course Grading:**

 Independent classes are Pass/Fail

 You are expected to monitor your own progress and make sure you are always meeting or exceeding expectations.

 In order to receive a “Pass” you will need to:

* Use ALL class time for your art
* Work diligently and independently on the projects discussed in your contract and meetings
* Participate in ALL meetings (If you are absent there is a make-up assignment. This is not an alternative option to attending meetings.)

Missing or very weak participation in meetings are grounds for **removal from Independent Art**.

This class is all about being independent and advocating for yourself. If you need help, materials, more time or anything else, seek me out and get what you need.

Become familiar with our website and be sure to check there for announcements and changes to meeting dates.

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