**Studio in Art**

**Course Description:**

Studio in Art is the foundation course for all upper level art courses.

Students will explore the elements of art and the principles of design through experimenting with the various mediums used in the fine arts while studying art history and criticism.

**Supplies:**

* Unlined Sketchbook
* Folder w/ lined paper
* Pencils

**Projects/Assignments:**

 **Major in-class projects:**

A creative challenge that will introduce a new medium and subject matter with a focus on one or two of the important compositional terms studied.

 **Self-Reflection Essays:**

 You will be expected to turn in a reflection essay for each project that examines your work for the project. I will give you guidelines for these writing assignments when we get to the end of the first project.

**Independent projects:**

Projects of your design should be worked on when you have completed an in class project early (this will happen), or whenever the art studio is available. This is your opportunity to do what you want to do. Take advantage of it!! These are not graded, they are just for you.

**Sketchbook/Journal Assignments**

These are homework assignments that will allow you to explore or practice with art mediums, prepare for upcoming projects and reflect on artwork.

**Participation/Performance:**

Earned weekly.

* Behavior during class time
* Responsible use of materials, including having materials with you for class
* Time on task
* Timeliness of projects/essays

 **Midterm/Final Exam Projects:**

Will address everything learned throughout the course.

**Course Grading: Concept Mastery: 60%**

* Major In-Class Projects (graded on – craftsmanship, effort, creativity, meeting project criteria, and includes essay)

**Concept Application: 40%**

* Sketchbook Assignments
* Preparatory work for Projects
* Weekly In-class Participation & Performance grades

\*Extra Credit is not given in my High School courses. Your grade is based on the “regular credit”

**Absence/Late Work Policy:**

It is YOUR responsibility to see me to make up any work if you miss class. Homework is due on the day you return to school unless other arrangements are made with me beforehand.

 If a homework assignment is not turned in when you enter class you will be given the opportunity to stay after school to complete it or get it to me by the end of the day for a reduced grade (one letter grade). Please do not insult either of us by asking for more time. You know when your work is due and I need to be fair and consistent.

 As you will see, class goes quickly, so use what time you have wisely and advocate for yourself if you need help or more time.

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