**Graphic Design**

**Course Description:**

A foundation, introductory computer-based design course for all skill levels. We will explore digital art and its applications in a variety of art careers.  The class will focus on the programs contained in the Adobe Creative Suite and the design process used by professionals.

**Instructors:**

Mrs. Kavanagh & Mr. Fancher

**Supplies:**

* 1” 3-Ring Binder
* Loose-leaf paper
* Pencils & Pens

**Projects/Assignments:**

 **Major in-class projects:**

We will work together in class on major projects.  Each will focus on a new Adobe program and a design challenge for you to apply the skills learned through demonstrations and practice activities.

 **Independent projects:**

You all have great ideas.  This is your opportunity to explore what interests you.  If you finish your work for me early, open up one of our programs and play.  If you make something great share it with the group and inspire someone else.  If it's not working, change it or just try something different.  There won't be many times in your life that you have all of these amazing programs along with the time and freedom to do just about anything you want.

**Production Meetings:**

Production meetings are a great way to generate ideas, trouble-shoot problems and in the end come up with the best possible design. Students learn to give and receive constructive feedback and problem solve together.  These meetings will also give you a direction for your reflection essays.

**Reflection Essays**

While most students don't think about writing in art, it truly is an important part of your art education.  You will reflect on your work, the design process and the work of your classmates.  Through these assignments we will learn to see, understand and communicate about the world in a more critical way.  The skills we develop in these assignments will help you in other classes and life in general.

**Participation/Performance:**

Earned weekly.

**Course Grading:**

**Concept Mastery: 60%**

* Major In-Class Projects (includes participation in production meetings)

**Concept Application: 40%**

* Preparatory work for Projects
* Weekly In-class Participation & Performance grades
* Reflection Essays

**Absence/Late Work Policy:**

It is YOUR responsibility to see your teacher to make up any work if you miss class. Become familiar with our website and be sure to check there for announcements and assignments if you are out. 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 expected to stay after school to complete for a reduced grade. If you fail to do so it will be a zero. We have a limited amount of assignments in this course. One or two zero’s will crush your average.

Use the time we have wisely and advocate for yourself if you need help or more time.

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