



8th Grade Visual Arts

Mrs. Earp

This sheet is to provide some basic information about the Visual Arts class that your child is taking this year. I have tried to keep the information brief, because I know the beginning of the school year can be overwhelming with information. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me through the following:

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Class Overview: The standards in grade eight focus on the synthesis and application of previously learned concepts. Using traditional and emerging technologies, students are able to apply more complex technical skills as they manipulate the elements of art and the principles of design, art media, and ideas. Students will acquire art skills that enable them to make conscious choices of media and techniques for expressive purposes.

Students will produce works of art that are developed from preliminary ideas and sketches. They will compare and contrast art from different world cultures and investigate how context can influence meaning. Students will debate the purposes of art, formulate reasoned responses to meaningful art questions, develop their own criteria for making art judgments, and develop a personal aesthetic. The acquisition of these skills enables students to develop a world view, placing the discipline of art within a broader context, and relating it to other fields of knowledge.

Expectations for students:

- ✓ To come prepared
- ✓ To participate
- ✓ To be respectful of others
- ✓ To follow school/classroom rules
- ✓ To do the best that he or she can

Grading Categories:

Studio Work

Work completed in class for preparation for an artwork. Such as rough drafts, skills practice, warm-ups, brain storming. This category includes formative and small summative assessments.
*Occasionally studio work will need to be completed at home.

Artwork

These are the larger more comprehensive projects. This is the bulk of our summative assessments.

Tests & Quizzes

These assessments will vary from a traditional vocabulary test to a performance of a particular art skill.

*See re-take policy below

Re-Teaching Policy:

All students may re-submit art work that has been revised or reworked to be evaluated. All work must be submitted to the teacher by at least one week prior to the end of the current 9 week quarter. Tests and quizzes may be retaken to prove mastery of the unit.

Formative Assessments: Will be given frequently and will be documented on a scale of 1-4 as to give the students feedback on their mastery of skills.