

8th Grade Fine Arts 2011-2012



Welcome to 8th grade Fine Arts. I am excited to be your fine arts teacher once again. You will attend this class for the next 9 weeks. Fine arts will not just focus on one form of art, but instead on many of the arts including music, visual arts, dance, and theatre.

CLASSROOM RULES

You are expected to conduct yourself in the following manner:

1. Listen carefully.
2. Follow directions.
3. Work quietly. Do not disturb others who are working.
4. Respect others. Be kind with your words and actions.
5. Respect school and personal property.
6. Work and use tools safely.

*Do not leave class without permission. You will need to sign in/out with me and fill out a Hallway Pass.

*It is very important that you follow these rules so that you may be able to participate in class. Daily participation is necessary for you to receive a passing grade.

GRADING POLICY

Grades will be given on a letter grade basis, using plusses and minuses:

- A= Excellent
- B= Good
- C= Average
- D= Below Average
- E= Fail

Participation will be evident through the completion of class assignments and projects. These will be averaged in order to determine the marking period grade. All projects will be graded using a rubric appropriate for each particular assignment.

Here are some of the assignments you will be expected to complete and participate in. It is possible that we may not get to all of these units due to time.

1. Monochromatic Self-Portraits
2. Foil Mask-Making
3. Paper-Mache
4. Quilling
5. Op Art
6. Complete a portfolio of student artwork
7. Complete a visual art project to submit into the school art show.
8. Music research project
9. Art research project

LATE WORK POLICY

The due date is the time all work in class will be stopped. You will then have a one week grace period to take it home and finish. After that week you must petition me to give you more time, however no more time in class. You may come in after school, before school, and work at home. If you do not talk to me I will deduct 5 points a day for every day your assignment is late. If you were absent for three days during the assignment I might add that on.

PARTICIPATION

It is my expectation that you participate in each assignment and project that you are assigned. I realize that there may be things that we will be doing in class that you do not enjoy- you are still expected to give your best effort, maintain a positive attitude, and participate in these activities. Daily participation is necessary for you to receive a passing grade.

EFFORT/ATTITUDE

It is very important that you try your hardest even if you feel your talent is in something else. Do not make fun of others- treat others with respect. You are expected to get along with your classmates.

You may learn something about yourself as an artist- just be willing to give it a try, smile, and have fun! Everyone has an artistic talent, whether it is in music, visual arts, theatre, or dance. Discover your talent- that's what this class is all about!

STUDENT'S WHO REFUSE TO PARTICIPATE

It is unacceptable to not participate in class. When you refuse to participate in class, this is the procedure that we follow:

- 1st Time- Warning and you will complete a written assignment
- 2nd Time- Lunch detention, written assignment, lowered grade for the marking period (1/2 of a letter grade: A becomes an A-)
- 3rd Time- Written assignment, lowered grade (A- becomes a B)
- 4th Time- You have failed fine arts

*You will be expected to complete the written assignment by the end of class and notify your parents of your grade.