

Art III - Computer Graphics 2013-2014
Mrs. St. Louis

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Prerequisite: Successful completion of Art II-Graphic Design with a grade of B or above or recommendation by the teacher.

Course Description:

In this advanced course you will be building a computer graphics portfolio. Your portfolio will demonstrate a depth of investigation and process of discovery through computer graphics. This portfolio will contain both physical printed out projects as well as a published website. There will be three different parts to your portfolio, which requires you to show a fundamental competence and range of understanding of visual concerns and methods. The first part of your portfolio will contain 5 printed works that demonstrate a mastery of design in concept, composition and execution. The second part will include 10 works of art in digital form that demonstrates a serious grounding in visual principles and computer techniques. The final section will contain 10 digital works of art that best exhibit a mixture of layout, technique and content.

Materials:

You are required to bring a pencil to class everyday. You will be required to keep an art journal with ideas, notes and assignments. These sketchbooks will be graded at the end of each progress report. **It is highly recommended that you have a portable thumb drive.** You will be assigned a new MacBook Pro. These computers are the property of Vanden High School. Any misuse of the MacBook will result in serious disciplinary actions.

The Basics

Grades: Grades are totaled based on a **weighted policy**. Because this is an advanced course your grade will rely heavily on the artwork you create. Below are the weight distributions by category:

- + Art Journal: 10%
- + Web Based Portfolio: 10%
- + Printed Artwork: 40%
- + Digital Artwork: 40%

Due Dates: You drive this course. Although I will have rough due dates for your projects it is your responsibility to keep up with your work. If you have 25 total projects due, then you should expect to have about 10-13 projects done by the end of the first semester.

Classroom Rules

Tardies: The school's tardy policy is strictly enforced. Tardies are cleared at the beginning of each semester.

Art Content: You are an advanced art student and I will take that into consideration while you work on your artwork. Remember this is high school. If you wouldn't show your artwork to administration, don't create it.

Electronic Equipment: **ALL** electronics must be turned off and completely out of sight at ALL times. Any student not in compliance with this rule will lose their electronic device. This device will be turned in to the office requiring your parent/guardian to pick up the item after school. I have an **ABSOLUTELY NO TOLERANCE** policy when it comes to texting and other electronic equipment in class.

Cheating and Plagiarism: All of your artwork must be original. If you are using artwork that is not yours, you must properly cite the artwork. I will give you a 0 grade for any artwork turned in that is not cited properly.

Technology: You will be signing the Vanden Technology Agreement. All school rules and policies will be followed and enforced. Any major infractions will result in loss of your computer privileges and will impact your grade.

Safety & Procedures:

Equipment: All equipment must be respected, used appropriately. You will be using laptops in the classroom. These computers are not yours and are the property of the Vanden Art Department. The content on them will be closely monitored. You must return the computers to their proper place and plug them in prior to dismissal each day.

Food and Drinks: **NO FOOD OR DRINKS ARE ALLOWED WITHIN THE CLASS.** Bottled water is the ONLY exception.

Conferences: I encourage both students and parents to schedule a conference with me at any time. If you have any questions or concerns about your student's progress, behavior or even my class feel free to contact me immediately.

Donations

The art department is always accepting donations of supplies and materials. The department can always use regular printing paper, pencils, pens, sharpies, colored pencils, liquid glue, glue sticks, scotch tape, painters tape and scissors. Donations of old magazines and newspapers are always welcomed for collages and papier-mâché. And as always, I could use a steady supply of Kleenex, as the school does not provide this.

Portfolio Cost:

The Vanden Art Department does not require a lab fee for taking art classes. With that being said, art supplies are not cheap, and although we do supply students with materials, we are asking for a small donation to offset the cost. I have gone through great lengths to get quality printers in my classroom. To print 5 major projects I am asking for a \$20 donation. For your \$20 donation, you will be able to keep your printed out projects at the end of the school year. For those who do not wish to donate, the portfolio and artwork will become property of the Vanden Art Department.

By donating, you are offsetting the rising costs of art supplies. Your donation will allow for better art materials and the ability to continue developing our program.

I feel that as an advanced art student you are allowed to have more freedom with expression and with projects. I expect exceptional, high quality work from you. If there is at any time concern about anything pertaining to this class feel free to maintain open communication with me. Computer Graphics will not be an "Easy A". I will be grading your ability to understand and execute design. **REMEMBER – YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR YOUR OWN ART WORK!** You will get only as much out of this class as you are willing to contribute.

Mrs. Marisa St. Louis

COMPUTER SYSTEM AND NETWORK USE POLICY

Vanden High School has a behavior code for students that details appropriate school behavior, outlines rights, and sets expectations for students. Because Vanden High School's electronic resources are used as part of a school activity, the school's discipline policy applies to network activities as well. Therefore, the Computer System and Network Use Policy is an extension of the school's behavior code.

Vanden High School strongly believes in the value of electronic information services, and recognizes their potential to support curriculum and student learning. The network is designed to achieve and support instructional goals, and any information that does not support classroom learning is to be avoided. Vanden High School cannot guarantee the accuracy of information obtained from the electronic information sources. Vanden High School will strive to protect students and teachers from any misuses and abuses as a result of experiences with an electronic information service. However, there is some material on the global network that students, parents, and/or staff, may consider inappropriate. It is the user's responsibility not to initiate access to such material.

Listed below are the provisions. Please read them carefully.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. **Personal Responsibility.** I will accept responsibility for avoiding any misuse of the computers, related equipment, or the network system. Misuse may include theft, vandalism of equipment or data files, any information sent or received that indicates or suggests pornography, unethical or illegal activity, racism, sexism, or inappropriate language. I will also accept responsibility for reporting any such observed misuse to the adult in charge.
2. **Netiquette.** I will abide by the generally accepted rules of the network etiquette. These rules include but are not limited to the following:
 - a. Do not send abusive message
 - b. Do not swear, use vulgarities, or any other inappropriate or disrespectful language
 - c. Do not reveal any personal information, such as your home address or personal phone numbers or those of students or colleagues
 - d. Do not use the network in any way that would disrupt the use of the network by others
 - e. Do not tie up the network with idle activities, play interactive games, or download huge files
3. **Security.** I will protect system security by observing the following rules:
 - a. Do not give passwords to others who are not authorized to use them
 - b. Do not use another individual's password or address
 - c. Do not change any established password or means of access to the system
 - d. Report any observed breach of security immediately to the adult in charge
4. **Ethical Use.** I recognize the electronic information services should be used in an ethical manner. Therefore:
 - a. I will not use the network for any illegal activity
 - b. I will not use the network for personal profit
 - c. I will not use the network for communication not related to school activities
 - d. I will not use the network for posting anonymous messages
 - e. I will obey copyright laws

CONSEQUENCES

Level 1 Infraction

- ✓ Gaming
- ✓ Software Piracy
- ✓ Modification of computer settings without teacher consent (includes changing wallpaper, screen saver, rotating screen image)
- ✓ **Personal** communication including but not limited to:
 - Unauthorized use of email
 - Posting to personal weblogs, webspace or other communication forums

Consequence

Computer use privileges revoked for five to fifteen school days
2 Administrative detentions

Level 2 Infraction

- ✓ Chat room use
- ✓ Hacking - single computer systems (includes bypassing filter to access blocked websites)
- ✓ Use of profanity, vulgarity or disrespectful language (includes messages to request the opening of blocked Internet sites)*
- ✓ Two or more Level 1 violations

Computer use privileges revoked for at least thirty days
Saturday School

*May also result in two days suspension

Level 3 Infraction

- ✓ Pornography
- ✓ Threats, Harassment
- ✓ Hacking (Internet/Network)
- ✓ Unauthorized Access or modifying/ deleting network resources or files

Computer privileges revoked for the rest of one semester or nine weeks (whichever is greater) and two or more days school suspension

PLEASE FILL OUT AND RETURN TO MRS. ST. LOUIS BY MONDAY, 26 AUGUST 2013.

Vanden High School Technology Agreement:

Student Name _____ Student ID# _____
(please print)

I have read and understand the rules that must be followed to use the computers on campus.

Student Email address

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Student Signature _____ Date _____

I have read the computer use policy and have discussed it with my son/daughter.

Parent Signature _____ Date _____

Classroom Agreement:

Parent/Guardian;

I _____, the parent/guardian of _____, have received, read, understand and will follow the class contract sent home by Mrs. St. Louis.

Parent Signature: _____

Contact Information

Daytime Phone Number: _____

Evening Phone Number: _____

Best Time To Call: _____

Parent E-mail: (Please Print Clearly) _____

Student;

I _____ have received, read, understand, and will follow the class contract sent home by Mrs. St. Louis.

Student Signature: _____