

## Art 1 2013-2014

Mrs. St. Louis

### Contact Information:

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### Course Description:

This yearlong course is designed to introduce you to a variety of art from different periods and cultures, while developing skills in observation, analysis and the process of making art. This is an entry-level, hands-on course. Instruction focuses on the elements of art, design principles, exploration of media and appropriate techniques. Regular attendance, participation and completion of projects are necessary for success.

### The Basics

**Grades:** Grades are totaled based on a **weighted policy**. Grades are divided into categories. Each category will be given a certain “weight” when figured into the total grade. The following is the weight distribution by category:

- + Assignments/Quizzes: 10%
- + Participation: 20%
- + Mini Art Projects: 20%
- + Final Art Projects: 40%
- + Midterm/Final: 10%

- **Aeries:** It is your responsibility to check the accuracy of the computer input against the scores on the projects and rubrics that are handed back. If any discrepancy exists, you need only to show the returned, graded assignment or project. **You will keep assignments and projects in their portfolio at school.** No changes will be made without the graded assignment.
- **Participation:** Positive participation is imperative to success in this course. You will be given 2 points per day. Points will be deducted when you are tardy, off task, without class materials, or do not clean up after yourselves. Remember, the bell **does not** dismiss you – I do.

**Due Dates:** All assignments and projects must be handed in on time to receive full credit. Most projects will be due on Friday, but with prior teacher agreement, work can be turned in on Monday, at the beginning of class when the student walks in, without penalty. This, however, must be the exception, not the norm. I will accept late assignments and projects, up to one week past the due date. The assignment or project will receive a reduction of one letter grade. I will not accept any assignments after that.

**Absent Work:** It is the **your** responsibility to complete all missed work in a timely fashion, typically within the equivalent number of days for each day of absence. Scheduled tests will be made up the day you return. As all work is done in class it is your responsibility to find time outside of class to make up any missed work. Students can choose to make up participation points during lunch or after school. If you are confused about what is required of you for a particular assignment, ask the teacher **before school, during lunch or during office hours** for help.

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

### Classroom Rules

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

**Behavior:** Every person within the classroom is to show the utmost respect to all other persons within the class. Each student, as well as the teacher, should be given respect while speaking. During a classroom discussion, students should not be disruptive, randomly moving about the room, or be disrespectful in the class in any way. If you would like to share your opinion during a discussion, simply raise your hand you will be called on to share when appropriate. Any sign of negativity, put downs, or insults will not be tolerated!

**Art Content:** All art content must be school appropriate! 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.

**Language:** *FOUL LANGUAGE WILL NOT BE TOLERATED!!* Any profane language directed at me, another student or activity will immediately result in a detention and/or referral.

**Cheating and Plagiarism:** Cheating and plagiarism will not be tolerated in any form. Any student found guilty of these offenses will receive a zero on that assignment as well as communication with your parent/guardian. These consequences will apply to **ALL** students involved in the situation. This includes all visual plagiarism. Students may not trace artwork that is not their own. We will go over this in class so there is no confusion on the matter.

### **Safety & Procedures:**

**Materials:** You will be given art materials for each assignment and project. I encourage all students to supply some of their own drawing materials if they would like to have a better quality medium to work with. You should make sure to have your own pencil and eraser for every class.

**Equipment:** All equipment must be respected, used appropriately and returned prior to dismissal each day.

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

### **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. To complete eight major projects we are asking for a \$20 donation. For your \$20 donation, your student will be able to keep their portfolio 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 all students deserve respect as individuals and artists. I believe that all students have the ability to be creative and create unique artwork. If there is at any time concern about anything pertaining to this class, feel free to maintain open communication with me. Art is not an “easy A”. As this is an entry-level art class, I will be grading you on the ability to complete work on time, everyday participation and demonstration of understanding art concepts gone over in class. **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

PLEASE FILL OUT AND RETURN TO Mrs. St. Louis by Friday, 23 AUGUST 2013. WITHOUT THIS SIGNED, **NO OTHER WORK WILL BE ACCEPTED.**

**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: \_\_\_\_\_

Student E-mail: (Please Print CLEARLY) \_\_\_\_\_