

Art IV AP Drawing Portfolio - Mrs. Cox

Welcome to Art! The AP Drawing Portfolio Course is a college level course offered in the high school setting. It is intended to offer the student instruction, motivation, and skill development in the production of a portfolio of 15 -20 pieces of work which are submitted to the College Board for college course credit in May. Students who complete the portfolio and score at least a 3 on a scale of 1-5 may be awarded as many as 6 hours of college credit at the discretion of the university art department, worth several thousand dollars in tuition. You will select an area of exploration as an artist and complete 15 works that show your investigation of the idea. You will also submit 5 works showing greatest excellence. These may or may not be included in the 15 works. (One completed work every 2 weeks) You must be committed to working to achieve excellence and working outside of class time to accomplish this.

This handout is to help you understand what you/your child will be doing this year and to set some expectations for the upcoming year. Please use this sheet as a reference for the year but feel free to contact me if anything is unclear, if you need further explanations, or if you have any questions at all about this course.

Grading Policy: Grades in Art IV will be weighted as followed:

- **Studio Grade (Minor Assessment)** 40% -Some weeks students will receive a studio grade. This grade is based on each student's use of time in the studio. Using proper techniques, following project guidelines, and following classroom/studio guidelines will be considered when giving a studio grade.
- **Project/Assignment Grade (Major Assessment):** 60% - Because most projects/assignments take more than one week, I will give a studio grade weekly while students are working on his/her project. Each week, I will set an expectation with each student on where they should be on the project at the end of the week. When a project is due during the week, students will NOT receive a studio grade. Instead, they will get a Project/Assignment Grade on completion. These projects should be limited to 2 weeks long.

Late Work: All of Estacado will use the following policy for late work:

- 10 points off daily after due date
- After the 7th day, accepting the assignment will be left to the teacher's discretion.

However, **if a student turns in a project/assignment ON TIME**, whether it is excellent or not, after I grade and return the project/assignment, the student has until the last day of each 3 week progress report period to make any corrections or redo the assignment for **FULL CREDIT**.

Attendance: Here at Estacado, we focus on *Every Child, Every Day*. In order to do this, we expect every student to be in class and on time every day. Absences and tardies will affect students' studio grades. I will make parent/guardian contact when a student has been excessively absent.

Cell Phone/Electronic Device(s) Policy: *Cell phone use is not allowed in class.* Each student has a Chrome book for online research and work in class. **Cell phones may not be used in the classroom per LISD school board.** They must be put away in pocket, purse or bookbag before entering the classroom. If you use your cell phone/electronic device in class, I will ask you to bring your cell phone to me and I will lock it in the closet until the end of class. Once class is over, I will gladly return your phone/device to you. If you choose to not bring your device to me, the school-wide card system will be used, and you will receive a disciplinary referral.

Class Rules: Classroom rules and expectations are posted in the classroom and in the Google classroom. We will go over them during the first day of class.

Tutoring: My set tutoring date and time is on Mondays from 4:00 PM to 5:00 PM; however, I will be available Monday –Thursday for tutoring **BY APPOINTMENT.**

Conferences: If you (or your guardian) need to meet with me for any reason, please make time during my conference period from 8:15 - 9:00 a.m. Please **call or make arrangements in advance if you would like to meet.** I will return parent/guardian calls and/or emails during my conference time and after school. You may also communicate with me through school email.

Discipline: I will be using the school wide Card System for discipline (yellow- warning, red- strong warning, green -leave the classroom and go to O Rm 146 - disciplinary referral will follow). This should not be necessary in this upper level class of juniors and seniors!

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