

ART I :: Walter Payton College Preparatory High School :: 2010 – 2011

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After-School Hours: I, or one of the other art teachers, will be available after school Mon. – Wed. if you need extra time to complete a project.

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Art 1 is designed to introduce a range of visual art created throughout the world. The language of art, art criticism, aesthetics and art history will be included in each lesson. Art 1 units may include drawing, painting, sculpture, fibers, ceramics, computer graphics, video, photography and printmaking. The order in which these media are taught will depend on your instructor's learning sequence. Using the broad history of art as inspiration, you will make your own artworks.

In addition, to meet the requirements of this class, you must successfully complete assigned reading and writing assignments. You should expect to work on projects and assignments both inside and outside of class. The amount of outside class work will vary each week. You will be given sufficient notice of due dates.

GRADING

- All assignments will be worth a predetermined amount of points, and projects will have specific instructions. If you meet all of the requirements you will receive the maximum amount of points. (A= 90%+, B=80%+, C=70%+, D= 60%+) You will be able to check your grades online through GradeSpeed.
- All projects will have a Due Date. You will have one week after receiving a grade to resubmit the project for a new grade.
- There will be homework assignments each quarter. Homework assignments will not be accepted late and may NOT be resubmitted.
- **It is your responsibility to gather information missed due to absence.** All work will be due upon your return to class. Deadlines may be extended in unusual cases with prior teacher approval. All homework will be posted on our class Web site - msgran.com.

CLASSROOM POLICIES

- You are expected to be on time and on task throughout the period.
- Points will be deducted for off-task behavior, tardy, and unexcused class absences.
- Participation in clean up is MANDATORY. Failure to participate will result in a lower grade.
- ALL writing assignments must be TYPED. Handwritten work will not be accepted.
- HEADPHONES, CELLPHONES and other electronic devices are not allowed in class. You will receive advance notice of any exceptions to this rule.
- Respect yourself, respect others, and respect the classroom environment.

CLASS COMMUNITY NORMS

All of the following expectations were created by Ms. Gran's 1st, 7th and 8th period Art I classes. Students are aware that school wide rules and policies also apply.

STUDENT EXPECTATIONS OF OTHER STUDENTS

- Show RESPECT for each others' artistic point of view, artwork, supplies, and work space
- DON'T be a DISTRACTION for your peers and take this class SERIOUSLY
- CLEAN UP your work space and HELP others when you are done
- Don't put down classmates' work and ideas – give CONSTRUCTIVE CRITICISM
- SHARE supplies if you have extra and IDEAS when working in a group
- Treat others how you want to be treated
- Be ENCOURAGING & POSITIVE
- Come to class on time

STUDENT EXPECTATIONS OF THE TEACHER

- Provide FUN and ENGAGING experiences while LEARNING → MOTIVATE
- EXPLAIN clearly and work at a PACE good for all students
- CONSIDER students' ideas and allow us to express ourselves
- Provide a relaxed & supportive learning environment – be PATIENT
- Be UNDERSTANDING, FLEXIBLE, and OPEN-MINDED
- HELP students ACHIEVE a higher level of artistic ability
- Grade FAIRLY
- Be KNOWLEDGEABLE and answer questions

TEACHER EXPECTATIONS OF STUDENTS

- Show RESPECT for the teacher, each other, equipment, materials, and ART
- Be ON TIME and PREPARED for class
- TRY your best and have a POSITIVE ATTITUDE
- LISTEN to directions and BE ALERT
- ASK QUESTIONS when you don't understand something
- Work HARD and try NEW things – get out of your comfort zone
- Be SAFE
- HELP each other with CLEAN-UP, directions, and decisions

Please return entire sheet to Ms. Gran by Monday, Sept. 13. You can reference this document on www.msgran.com.

I have read and understood the requirements and policies of the Art I course (2 pages).

Student name (PRINT) _____

Student signature _____

Parent name (PRINT) _____

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