



MBMS Classroom Expectations 2019-2020

Course: Advanced Art 8

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Course Description/Learning Objectives: 8TH Grade Advanced Art is a yearlong course designed to give students a strong foundation in fine art skills, with a focus on drawing and painting. Students will be introduced to a variety of art tools, media, historically relevant artists, contemporary artists, and methods of art criticism. This course is aligned with the Common Core Standards for the Fine Arts with a focus on the elements of art and principals of design.

Units Covered:

Drawing

Painting

Sculpture

Fiber Dying

Student Portfolios:

In the spring, 8th Grade Advanced Art Students have the opportunity to submit a digital portfolio to Mira Costa High School. We use ArtSonia to upload, save, and share student portfolios with Mira Costa. ArtSonia is a secure online portfolio service tailored to student needs. This is not a requirement. If students choose to submit a portfolio, and pass the review process, 8th Grade Advanced Art Students have the opportunity to skip Art 1 and enroll in Art 2 as incoming freshmen at Mira Costa. Portfolio decisions are made by the Head of Mira Costa's Art Department.

Art Supplies Needed:

- A variety of drawing pencils (no mechanical pencils). H and B Pencils
- Magic Rub Eraser or kneaded eraser
- Prismacolor Pencils 24 pack at minimum
- Hand held pencil sharpener
- Liquitex acrylic paints: Primary colors (blue, red, yellow) + titanium white, black, raw sienna, and burnt umber
- Acrylic/nylon brushes. Flat and round. Store your brushes in a small container/envelope to protect bristles.
- Store everything in a box approx. 16" long, 8" wide, 8" deep (a shoebox works great)

Electronic Use Policy: Students may use electronic devices in class for academic purposes only. Phones should be turned off or in airplane mode while at school unless expressly given permission by the teacher. **Please note:** AirPods and blue tooth headphones are not allowed in class.

Here's the link to the District policy: <http://www.gamutonline.net/district/manhattanbeach/displayPolicy/465739/>



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Homework Policy: There will be no homework assigned for this course. If a student is behind on work due to absence, he/she may have to complete work outside of class to catch up. Students are not to use Art Class time to do homework assigned in other courses.

Grading Policy: Grades are based on pre-determined objectives designed for each project and/or task. All projects are graded on a point system and have required due dates. Points are earned across four categories: Criteria, Creativity, Concentration, and Craftsmanship.

Grading Scale:

A = 90-100%

B = 80-89%

C = 70-79%

D = 60-69%

F = 0-59%

Expectations on Classroom Environment: * See behavior contract.

Aeries: Art projects range from 2 – 4 weeks in length. Grades are entered at the end of each project. Grades are usually updated every few weeks.

Make Up Policy: Late work submitted five school days past the due date is subject to point deductions. Work submitted two weeks - one month late will lose one full letter grade. Work submitted more than one month late will be given half credit.

Extra Credit: Extra credit opportunities are randomly announced in class approximately one time per trimester. Students should also check Google Classroom as any announced extra credit opportunities will be posted in the stream/feed. Each extra credit opportunity is available for a limited time only. Pay attention in class and check Google Classroom, or you might miss out on 5-10 bonus points!

Teacher Availability: After school, Wednesdays at lunch, and sometimes at nutrition. Students are encouraged to talk to the teacher during class and arrange a time that they can use the art room to finish late/missing assignments and/or get extra help.

Ethics Policy: Refer to the MBMS Student Handbook.