



MBMS Classroom Expectations 2019-2020

Course: Elective Wheel – Fine Art

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Course Description/Learning Objectives: This trimester-long elective class is designed to give students basic foundational art skills, with a focus on drawing and painting. Students will be introduced to a variety of art tools, media, and historically relevant artists. 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.

Classroom Supplies Needed:

Pencils (non mechanical)

Erasers

Hand-held pencil sharpener

Folder for keeping course documents and sketches

1 Black Sharpie (fine or ultra fine)

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/>

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. Final marks for this class will be PASS/FAIL. At the end of the trimester, the student's grade percentage will change to a PASS or a FAIL.

Grading Scale:

100% - 75% = PASS

74.9% - 0% = FAIL



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Expectations on Classroom Environment:

* See behavior contract.

Aeries: Art projects range from 2 – 3 weeks in length. Grades are entered at the end of each project. Grades are usually updated every few weeks.

Make Up Policy: 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. a student misses class, it is his/her responsibility to speak to Mrs. Pottish upon their return to inquire if any makeup work is necessary. *MBMS make-up policy states that students have three days per day of absence to complete make up work; the days begin when student returns from absence.

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.