

# Washington High School

## Art I

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Welcome to Art I! This class is designed to introduce students to a variety of diverse art techniques and media as ways of communicating their ideas. Students will develop technical skills and vocabulary including the elements and principles of art. Color theory, art history movements and various visual artists will also be discussed. Projects will include drawing, painting and mixed media, all with an emphasis on skill building, craftsmanship and experimentation of media.

### Course Objectives

Each student who completes this class will be able to do the following:

- I can...explore multiple solutions to visual art problems through preparatory work
- I can...demonstrate basic technical skill and craftsmanship with various art media when creating images from observation, memory and imagination.
- I can...explore various methods of art criticism in responding to artworks

### Course Requirements

- **Serious work ethic and completion of all work/projects** – this is a studio class...meaning you are here to work on your artwork...I monitor your effort EVERY CLASS PERIOD. I take notes and document all “non-working” days and after 4 (four) “non-working” days, consequences including but not limited to the following will be issued:
  - mandatory office hours
  - grade reduction
  - expulsion from class
- **Sketchbook / Journal work** – you will be creating and using a sketch journal for various in-class work, reflective writings, notes or sketching project ideas/inspiration. If you are in between projects or do not feel like working on your bigger projects, you will be required to sketch/doodle in your sketchbook...**this is not a study hall...you are here to do art!!** Please keep your journals on you and bring to every class.
- **Class discussion / Participation** – you are expected to participate in class discussions, activities, group and partner work, as well as critiques
- **Materials** - You will be responsible for providing the following:
  - **Art fee - \$5.00 - this is to be paid to the main office or online at [MySchoolBucks](#)**
  - Pencil - please bring one to class every day

### Evaluation

Grading is on a total points system. The general areas where points are awarded include:

- Projects, project development assignments, sketchbook work and quizzes (60%)
- Participation, cooperation and preparation...i.e. EFFORT!! (20%) (This includes clean-up, having a good attitude, being prepared and ability to work independently on artwork in class))
- Final (20%)

### Due dates & Make-up Work

We are aware that art students work at different paces. Some projects may take one student a week to complete while it may take another student two weeks or more to complete. **As long as you are working everyday**, your grade in the class will not be affected. There will be instances when interim grades are due and projects have not been completed. In this situation, a “progress grade” will be assigned in place of an

incomplete or missing project grade. At the completion of the project, the final grade will be entered. If there are questions regarding this situation, please see me.

Students may communicate difficulties/emergencies with the teacher as needs arise. Excused absences may have due date extensions.

**It is your responsibility to find out any assignments you have missed!**

## **Class Procedures / Routines**

In order to provide you with the best instruction possible, you will need to be aware of the procedures and/or routines for the classes I teach.

### **Use of Art Materials / Supplies** – (see contract)

If any materials/supplies are broken or need my attention, please let me know as soon as possible.

**Class work** – As I stated earlier, this is a **studio** art class, therefore, you must use your class time to work on art projects. Your studio time should be enjoyable and relaxing. My job is to provide you with a safe and friendly environment to work. You are always welcome to talk quietly and sit near your friends. If issues arise or if I feel the need to move your seat or have “quiet work periods”, I may do so. Please let me know if you are at risk or do not feel safe at any time in my classroom.

**Cell Phone / Laptop Policy**– cell phones and laptops may be used in the art room for the following reasons ONLY:

- taking pictures of one's own artwork
- sending images to instructor for printing
- research for art projects

**Otherwise, cell phones and laptops are to remain out of site.**

This class is an elective class. I will monitor all appropriate use of cell phones/laptops. If I feel you are not using your device for art class purposes, consequences will be given (detention during office hours up to expulsion from class)

I will play music for students to listen to while working on art. You are not allowed to wear earbuds/headphones in the art room unless you are using your device for art purposes and you have asked for permission (i.e. youtube video of art process/technique)

**Retakes / Redo Policy** - Michelangelo was once quoted as saying: “Art is never finished, only abandoned.” If you are not happy with a score you earned you are welcome to continue working on your project for a better grade. **You must turn in your original rubric sheet along with a short explanation of what/how your project has changed to receive a new grade consideration.**

**Demonstrations / Presentations** – throughout the semester several new techniques and/ or projects will be introduced. Paying attention, taking notes and listening quietly are necessary to ensure that you know what is expected.

**Clean Up / End of Class** – for each period there will be a specific time mandated as “clean-up time” depending on the activity/project you are working on that day. You are to begin cleaning at this time only. All art materials and supplies are to be cleaned and put back in their original locations. Each table and individual project areas are to be fully cleaned to look like they did at the start of the class period. If you are finished with your specific area please help out your fellow students. When all cleaning is finished including all tools, sinks, counters and floors you are to have a seat at your assigned seat and wait for my dismissal.