

Beginning Photo Course Syllabus

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Course Description:

This course will help students become well rounded in the fundamentals of digital photography. Students will engage in the appreciation and understanding of the fine art of photography. Basic digital photographic skills, techniques and editing along with history, current art theory and photographic representation are emphasized. Students will have access to the classes DSLR's, though the amount on hand are limited.

This course will help the students develop well-rounded fundamentals of Photoshop and basic photography skills. Students will learn:

- Basic Photoshop and mobile app editing skills and techniques
- Know how to use various features of the camera to have creative control of their photographs.
- Basic composition techniques to enhance their images

Students will, generally, receive basic instruction, demonstration, and see samples of the desired outcomes at the beginning of each assignment. Students will be allowed to leave the class for 15 minutes and take photos for their assignments, based on what they are learning.

Materials required list:

- Paper or spiral or composition notebook
- Pencil
- Creative ideas
- iPad/phone (for taking photos)
- Headphones- We do online tutorials. The classroom only has 6 on hand

Work policy:

All work is submitted via Schoology and graded one on one by the student and the instructor. Late work has a minus 10% penalty and is only accepted for 1 week after the due date.

Class Fee:

There is a **\$30** class fee. This needs to be paid ASAP. **\$7.50** if you are on free lunch and **\$15.00** if you are on reduced. This is an elective course; you don't have to take it... so if this is beyond your budget, you need to reconsider taking a class that cost less. You can't get your diploma if you don't pay your school debts. All money gets handled in the main office. Please pay soon. Cash or Credit only. You can also pay on Infinite Campus.

Objectives:

- To learn to communicate and articulate ideas both visually and verbally.
- Learn digital camera operation.
- Basic digital image editing and manipulation
- Students will be aware that each work of art is a unique expression of the individual.

Expectations:

- Be on time. This is your job right now. Treat it as such. 1% deduction per tardy off your final grade.
- Be prepared to participate- Bring a pencil and other materials you need to class. The use of class time is key to meeting the due dates for projects.
- Students are not permitted to leave school campus during class time.
- Be respectful of yourself, others and the room.
- **No food or drink in the art room.** – You’re in a room of expensive electronics.
- Cell phones will have a time and place in this class. Be respectful and mindful of this. Otherwise standard school rules apply.
- If a student take advantage of the 15 minutes taking photos, this privilege will be taken away on an individual base.
- Plagiarism is bad. Don’t do it.
- **YOU BREAK IT, OR LOOSE IT, YOU BUY IT** (students will not be able to use DSLR without parent signed syllabus)

Grading Guidelines and Attendance:

- 45% - Assignments- Assignments are weighted more heavily.
- 40% - Participation- Use of class time. Including sketches, warm-ups, practicing...
- 15% - Assessments

Please sign and submit this back to Schoology.

I have read and understand the course syllabus.

Student name: _____
Student Signature: _____
Parent Name: _____
Parent Signature: _____
Phone: _____ Email: _____