**Art I Syllabus**

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**Course Overview:**

Welcome to Art I class!  In this class you will learn the basics of drawing, painting, ceramics, and other forms of techniques, media, and art styles.  You will also learn some art history, how to write and conduct an art critique, and how to identify and apply the elements and principles of art.

**Student Expectations:**

This is an art *class*, meaning I DO NOT expect you to come in already knowing how to make perfect pieces of art.  We are all here to learn and practice, so please do not let yourself become discouraged.  Please follow the ARTIST rules so that we may all enjoy making art safely and respectfully.

Class conduct does not change just because we are in art.

* If you fail to follow Sam Houston’s rules regarding **uniform**, **attendance**, **behavior**, etc., you will be penalized accordingly.
* You may not enter class if you are not in uniform.
* If you walk out of class without permission, you will not be allowed back into class, you will receive an irrevocable zero as your weekly grade, a write up, and a phone call home.

**Cell Phone Policies:**

Cell phones are an excellent tool for art, and are welcome in class WHEN DESIGNATED.

* Headphones are fine for music, only during working time.
* If you are on your phone just to be on your phone I will take it away (i.e. no games, talking, texting.)
* During “Instructional Time”, all phones must be put away or they will be taken away for the remainder of the class period.
* Failure to comply will be met with going to OCI, an irrevocable zero as your weekly grade, a write up, and a phone call home.
* **Please refer to Sam Houston’s Cell Phone Policy as stated in the student handbook for additional information**

Please do not swear in class, I understand we are human and have emotions, but we are also scholars with self-respect.  Should your profanity grow to be too much for our classy class, you will receive a phone call home.

**Required Materials:**

* Pencil (classic #2 wood preferred) **BRING ONE EVERY DAY**
* Pen (blue or black)
* Lined paper (yes, you will be writing)
* Two boxes of Tissue
* One bottle of hand soap OR hand sanitizer

**Assessment of Student Performance:**  
Everybody makes art differently, so I will not grade you based on how “good” you are at making art.

\*\*\*Grades are based on the following:  Class participation, visible effort, originality of the work, meeting all requirements of the art project, completing the actual art piece on time.

There is a grading rubric I follow; it is posted in the classroom at all times.

There will also be **exams** at the end of each unit, mid-term exams, and final exams.

If you ever have questions about your grade or how you are being graded, you (and your parents) may ask at any time throughout the year.

**Grading Scale:**

* 60%: Daily participation, projects, assignments, warm ups
* 40%: Assessments, exams, finished work

**Automatic grade deductions:**

* Incomplete work: 20
* Missing work/Walk outs/Phone Incompliance: 0

100-90=A 89-80=B 79-70=C 69-below=F