

# Art 1

one  
credit

fundamentals of art

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Room 121

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welcome

to intro to art

In this class you will learn how to creatively problem solve and tackle artistic challenges, while learning life long skills such as persistence, reflection, observation, and self critique. As this is an introductory class you will begin the course with learning the basics and tackling new medias and more challenging techniques as the year progresses. This course will set you up for a great foundation of skills to help you in higher level courses.



## expectations



**be on time** (no passes first and last 5 minutes)



**bring your cell phone each day**  
(games are a hard NO!)



**help take care of our technology**  
(plug in and charge your computers!)

**help with clean up daily**  
(even if it's not your mess!)



**respect yourself, your peers**  
(this includes opinions and property!)  
**and the art room's materials and space**



**take responsibility for your own learning**  
ie. ask for help on techniques or ideas,  
stay focused during work time given



**You are allowed to listen to music with headphones during "student work time".**

You are not allowed to listen during presentations, demos, or any group instruction time.

### APPS TO DOWNLOAD:



**Google Classroom**



**Google Drive**



**Pixlr** or any quality  
Photo Editing App

**Misuse of cellphones will result in loss of privilege as well as participation points.**

cell phone policy



# grades

and how they're weighted

## PARTICIPATION

30%

Do you put forth a consistent, solid effort in class? Do you keep your eyes off your phone and head off the desk? Do you ask questions & power through, trying your best when challenged? Effort, after all, not talent is the single most important quality of an artist. Do you come to class on time? Are you here mentally as well as physically? Did you miss a class period? Be sure to check Google Classroom or ask a peer for information you've missed before asking me - it is your responsibility.

## PORTFOLIO

10%

Do you document all of your submitted projects? Do you understand the types of materials, themes and techniques that were explored? Creating a summative digital portfolio for submission at the end of each semester is the best way to show your artistic growth throughout your time spent in the art room.

## STUDIO WORK

60%

### REQUIRED PROJECTS

### INDEPENDENT PROJECTS

### ART EXPLORATION

### DO YOU COMPLETE YOUR WORK & SUBMIT IT FOR GRADING?

**DO YOU INVEST SOLID EFFORT EVEN IF IT'S OUT OF YOUR COMFORT ZONE OR DEMANDS TECHNIQUE YOU'RE NOT USED TO?**

### EVERY PROJECT IS EVALUATED BASED ON THE FOLLOWING:



planning  
originality and creativity  
elements of design  
craftsmanship  
effort and focus  
specific criteria for the project

## commonly asked questions

### *I know I can do better... can I resubmit work?*

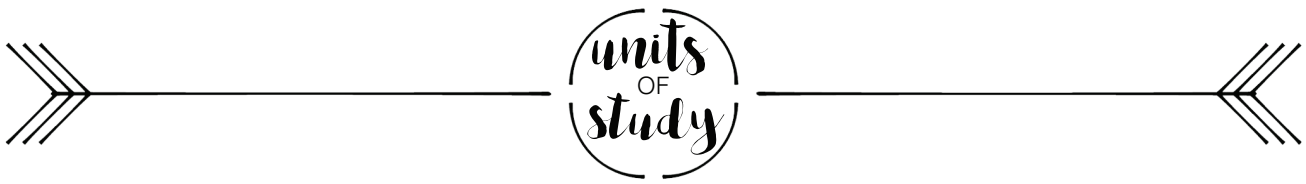
We learn more from our mistakes than we do from our successes, and a willingness to admit we have room to grow is the hallmark of any great artist. If you get a grade back you're not happy with, don't stress out - simply ask for help, then resubmit! Even an 'E' can become an 'A' if you're willing to give it the time and effort that is needed to be successful.

### *Do I lose points for late work?*

No, as long as you are ACTIVELY working and using class time wisely. If you are working hard yet have only a partially completed project, submit it anyway! You may get a low grade, BUT, if you submit a project, even an unfinished one, you still receive some credit. In other words, it's ALWAYS better to submit something rather than nothing at all.

### *I'm not the best artist... will I struggle?*

Artistic skill is learned, not inherited (& science will back me up). In art class, one is graded on the application of fundamentals covered in class & their work ethic, NOT personal style or skill level. This class is your break from the norm - take advantage of what it has to offer you personally and you will thrive, no matter what skill level you are at.



In **art 1** you will learn the elements & principles of design while exploring various 2-D and 3-D media. Our curriculum will involve the 8 Studio Habits of Mind, specifically focusing on these three this year:

Studio Habits

# Envision

When you ENVISION, you are picturing your ideas in your head and planning next steps in your mind as you work.

Ask yourself:

- What will my art be about?
- What materials will I use?
- How big?
- Color or Black and White?
- How long will it take?
- Should I work alone or with someone?

Studio Habits

# Observe

When you OBSERVE, you are taking time to notice details in your environment.

Artistic observation can be made through all five of the senses:  
SIGHT TOUCH TASTE SOUND SCENT

Studio Habits

# Reflect

When you REFLECT, you are looking back at the work you have done.

Ask yourself:

- What's working and why?
- What's not working? Why not?
- What can I add?
- What can I change?
- How can I challenge myself further?

Please check out our class website - [artheartgirl.com](http://artheartgirl.com)

Use it as a resource throughout the year to stay up-to-date on what we are creating and learning!

Also, please follow my Twitter at [twitter.com/artheartgirl](https://twitter.com/artheartgirl) for art inspiration, #FabArtsFridays and other CHS happenings!

E-mail is the best way to contact me with questions, comments, concerns or possible donation ideas - [megan.homanick@clawsonschools.org](mailto:megan.homanick@clawsonschools.org) . . . Here's to a great year!

signature

**PLEASE TEAR OFF AND RETURN BY FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 6TH**

Share this syllabus with your parents and let them know what you'll be up to this year, and return with your parent or guardian's signature as well as your own for credit. It's important to include your family in your education to ensure you get the help, reminders, and support you need to succeed.

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**HELP  
CLEAR  
HOM'S LIST!**

*Hand Soap  
Table Cleaner  
Magic Erasers*

*Hand Sanitizer  
Sponges  
Disinfecting Wipes*

*Hand Lotion  
Misc Cleaning Supplies  
Any Art Supplies*