

# Art 2A

**Welcome to Art!** The Art 2A (General Art) class's purpose is to provide you with an overview of the visual arts. You will be studying the Elements of Art, and exploring a variety of art materials. This is a “studio emphasis” class, which means you will spend most of your time making art. You will also learn to describe and analyze works of art, discuss different styles of art, and express your own thoughts and feelings visually.

## **Materials:**

Your art class fee (\$20 payable to the finance office) will supply all necessary art materials for this class but you may want to bring extra pencils.

Some of the materials used in art can be dangerous or really messy if misused. You will be taught how to handle these materials properly. Misusing a material will result in your not being allowed access to that material again. If this happens, you will be required to come up with another way to complete your assignment and get Mrs. Nygaard's approval to follow through with your plan.

**If you are color blind or allergic to latex, I need to know! Please email me or talk to me in person.**

## **Grading Policy:**

Projects will be graded using a rubric specific to each project, (rubrics will be posted on Canvas). In-class activities and discussions are also part of your grade; if you are here and participating, you will get the points.

## **Handing in assignments/late work:**

Late work will be accepted, but only work turned in on time will receive full credit. You can turn in an assignment up to two weeks late and be docked 10%. After two weeks you will be docked 50% no matter how late it is. Work can not be turned in after the quarter is over. If you are sick (excused) or have other extenuating circumstances I will work with you on a case by case basis. You must talk with me!

## **Attendance:**

Please be prompt; instruction starts as soon as the bell rings. If you miss class, it is your responsibility to find out what you missed. I will regularly update Canvas with instructional videos and relevant information. If you will be gone for a long period of time please let me know, (before the absence if possible).

## **Behavioral Expectations:**

- . Work productively. (Don't waste time).
- . Show respect for your classmates, teacher, and art materials.

- . Clean up after yourself.
- . Ask permission and sign out before leaving the classroom.

### **Dress Code:**

School dress code will be enforced in the art room. Distracting clothing and accessories will be addressed.

### **Cell phones and devices:**

Students will have opportunities to use their devices at appropriate times in class but **misusing a device will result in confiscation**. Students may use their devices to listen to music with headphones during “studio time” and may use them to submit work for grading on Canvas. Texting, watching videos (other than the instructional videos posted to Canvas), or going on social media in class will not be tolerated.

### **Food and drinks:**

Food and drinks are harmful to art projects and will not be allowed on the art room tables. You may have a water bottle as long as it is sealed.

### **Questions or concerns?**

I will only be here on B days. I will most likely be in my classroom before and after school for about 20-30 minutes on those days. The fastest way to contact me is by email. I rarely respond to emails in the evenings or during the weekend, so don't leave your important questions until the last minute.

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**Please be familiar with the student handbook for further guidelines:**

<https://dms.washk12.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/111/2021/08/Dixie-Middle-Student-Handbook-2021-1.pdf>