

Painting Class syllabus

Welcome to Painting! The Painting class' purpose is to refine your painting skills by experimenting with a variety of painting materials and techniques and to teach you how to use color to help communicate emotional content to your audience. You will be studying color mixing, how to use colors together for desired effect, the characteristics of some of the major painting movements in history, and the process of analyzing, interpreting and evaluating artwork. We will be working exclusively with color mediums. This is a "studio emphasis" class, which means you will spend most of your time making art and learning to creatively solve visual problems.

Prerequisites:

This is considered an advanced class. To be successful in Painting you will need to be familiar with the following terms and techniques:

- Identifying and drawing with basic shapes and angles
- Basic value and shading
- Basic composition (including: creating a point of emphasis, balance, and positive & negative space)

If you are not familiar with these prerequisites you will need to study them on your own before you attempt your first painting. (I suggest YouTube, you should be able to find plenty of instructional videos on these topics.) If you will not be able to meet these prerequisites, please let me or the counselors know and we will find a class that better fits your instructional needs.

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. Howe's approval to follow through with your plan. **If you are color blind or allergic to latex, your teacher needs 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. Late work will be docked 10% for each class period it is late. I will grant extensions to deadlines on a case by case basis for extenuating circumstances such as illness.

Handing in assignments: Projects (assessments) will be submitted on Canvas. In class activities will be graded as they are completed in class or may be made up at home and submitted for credit by email.

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: School district policy will be enforced in the art room. Please do not bring your devices to class or it will be sent to the office.

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.

Parents/ Guardians: Parents and guardians are welcome to come and observe in the art room any time! Please check in with the front office and get a visitor pass.

Questions or concerns?

I will almost always be in the art room 20-30 minutes before and after school. You are always welcome! The fastest way to contact me is by email:
andrea.howe@washk12.org

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>