

Art 2A Syllabus

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Welcome to Art 2A!

The purpose of this class is to provide you with an overview of the visual arts by introducing you to a variety of different art materials, methods, and mediums. You will be studying the styles of art and the elements of art. You will develop the ability to describe and analyze works of art, while also learning to express your thoughts and emotions through both visual creations and verbal communication. This is a “studio emphasis” class meaning you will spend the majority of your time creating art.

Materials:

The art class fee is **\$20**, payable to the office. This fee covers all essential materials needed for the course. While most supplies are provided, it's recommended that you bring extra pencils for your personal use. You are welcome to bring your own personal art supplies as you wish!

You will be taught how to properly handle and care for all classroom materials. Students are expected to treat all supplies with care and respect. Misuse of materials is serious and will result in limited or revoked access to those items.

Clean Up:

You are responsible for your area and supplies. You are expected to clean up after yourself at the end of every class period. If you do not, this will also result in limited or revoked access to our art supplies.

Grading Policy:

We will do a combination of in class activities, discussions, and projects. In class activities and discussions will be graded on participation meaning if you are present and engaged, you will receive the points. Projects will be graded according to a rubric that will be individualized for each one. Classwork is worth 30% of your grade and assessments/projects are worth 70% of your grade.

Late work will be accepted with a percentage docked each day that it is late. It will never be docked more than 50% for being late. I am willing to make exceptions for excused absences and work with you on a case by case basis if you communicate with me!

Attendance:

Be here and be on time! Instruction starts as soon as the bell rings. If you miss class or arrive late, it is your responsibility to find out what you missed. I will regularly update Canvas with relevant information. If you will be gone for a long period of time please let me know as soon as possible.

Behavioral Expectations:

- **Come Prepared:** Arrive on time, bring what you need, and be ready to engage in learning every day.
- **Be Respectful:** Treat all classmates, teachers, and our shared space with kindness, empathy, and respect.
- **Act with Integrity:** Be truthful in your words and actions—always do the right thing, even when no one is watching.
- **Be Dedicated:** Stay focused, work hard, and strive for personal excellence in everything you do.
- **Take Responsibility:** Take care of your materials, your workspace, and help keep our classroom clean and organized.

Dress Code:

School dress code will be enforced in this class. Any clothing and accessories that violate the dress code will be addressed. See the school handbook for more information.

Cell phones and devices:

Cell phones are not permitted in class and must be kept off your person at all times. They should be in your locker. Other devices such as iPads, tablets, and AirPods are also not allowed. If misused, they will be collected and returned after class.

Food and drinks:

Food and drink are allowed but must be kept away from any artwork. If you need to eat a quick snack, step away from your desk and make sure to dispose of any trash. Water bottles are okay to keep at your desk but should be stored away from any artwork and sealed.

Questions or concerns?

I will be in my classroom 20-30 minutes before and after school only on B-days and you are always welcome! You can also contact me via email.

Please be familiar with the student handbook for further guidelines:

<https://schools.washk12.org/dms-v2/wp-content/uploads/sites/111/2025/08/Dixie-Middle-Student-Handbook-2025-26.pdf>