Dear Students and Parents/Guardians,

Welcome to Jacksonville High School’s Visual Arts Department. Our JHS Visual Arts room is a wonderful place for all of our Visual Arts students to use and develop their creativity daily. This class is Beginning Ceramics, and my goal to teach quality lessons from which students enjoy learning the skills necessary to create successful 3D ceramic artwork. I also strive to provide a warm and friendly environment in which inspiration, quality instruction, and encouragement challenge each student (at any level) to reach his or her individual, artistic potential. Last but not least, I hope to ignite an appreciation of the arts in students that will last a lifetime. If you need assistance or have a question, do not hesitate to contact me at:

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**Beginning Ceramics**

Prerequisite: None

In this class, you will learn the properties of clay and how to utilize the material in a variety of materials. The student will be exposed to three-dimensional artwork creation by utilizing various media. Students will learn the proper use of ceramic’s materials and experience the basic techniques of beginning building methods, clay characteristics, and glazing and firing procedures. Students will learn how to create a variety of functional objects which include coasters, pots, and figurines. Techniques learned include slab method, coiling, pinching, and carving. Student learning will also be constructed by research engagement using multi-media presentations, drawing, reading, journaling, and writing assignments designed to increase the student’s levels of visual mastery. Vocabulary and history will be integrated to create a more holistic classroom experience.

**Required Materials**

* Pen OR Pencil
* Journal/Notebook
* **$7 ART FEE- This is used to purchase the materials you will be using!** \*Throughout the semester, materials such as photographs and art examples will be asked for. If these are forgotten, the student will have to use ones I have on hand.

**Classroom Policies and Discipline.**

1. Be respectful towards teacher, your classmates, artist tools, and the work environment.
2. Bringing in your own materials and assignments are your responsibility.
3. Please use your cell phones responsibly.

**Consequences for Inappropriate Behavior**

* 1st Offense: A Warning.
* 2nd Offense: Removal to another location and written documentation.
* 3rd Offense: Parent/Guardian Contact and written documentation.
* 4th Offense: Office Referral and written documentation.

**Grading Policy**

## Writing Assignments:

* Once a week, you will do an in-class journal assignment.
* After certain art projects, an artist statement will be required to be written and turned in alongside the art project.

## Grading Breakdown… The “Five C’s”:

1. **Concepts Taught** -20% - How well did the student follow assignment guidelines and instructions?
2. **Craftsmanship** – 20% - How well did the student use tools and media, apply technical skills and consistency? Is the work neat and completed carefully? The effort you pour into your art is the difference between work that is extremely well-made versus slapped together.
3. **Creativity & Originality** – 20% - How well does the work catch the viewer’s eye? Did the student take risks? Is the work unique, highly inventive and creative? Drawing the same thing, project after project is not creative. Try new things and new techniques. Do not be afraid to experiment.
4. **Composition** – 20% - Is the artwork well designed? Did the student use the elements and principles of design to create a thoughtful, well-balanced composition?
5. **Challenge** – 20% - Did the student prepare adequately, use time wisely, and persevere to the best of his/her ability?

**Project grades will make up 75% of your grade, while writing assignments will be worth 25%.**

**Late Work Policy**

* NO Late Work, especially assignments submitted through Edmodo.
* Students are responsible for making up assignments due to absence.

***Grading Scale:***  **A:** 90-100 = 4.0, **B:** 80-89 = 3.0, **C:** 70-79 = 2.0 , **D:** 60-69 = 1.0 , **F:** < 59 = 0.0

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