| ***Course Description:*** | | Art 1 is a fundamental visual art course that provides the foundations needed for any additional art courses that may follow. This course is primarily devoted to systematically presenting various art processes, theories, and historical developments. The approach to art experiences during this time is experimental in terms of materials but structured in terms of providing students with a strong foundation in design, drawing, and vocabulary. |
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| ***Classroom Management Plan:*** | | **Classroom Management Plan**   * Verbal reprimand * Conference with the student and with parent contact * Withdrawal of privilege(s) with parent contact * Other consequences are determined to be reasonable and appropriate by the school administration.   **Cell Phones and Other Wireless Devices**  Please refer to the Madison City Schools Code of Student Conduct and Madison City Schools policy manual concerning wireless communication devices. |
| ***Grading Policy:*** | | Major assessments will count for 70 percent of your grade. Homework and classwork will account for 30 percent of your grade. Grades will be updated weekly in PowerSchools. Each grading period will consist of nine weeks. |
| ***Make-up Work Policy:*** | | Art 1 is a project-based course. Therefore, the majority of the coursework must be completed in the classroom. If a student misses time in class for an excused absence, they must make arrangements with the teacher to make up the missed project time. Refuel is the best time to make up missed project time. If project deadlines are missed, the student may submit that project the next time they are in class, but it is the student’s responsibility to submit the work. I do not deduct points for late work.  **Homework/Classwork:** **It is the student’s responsibility to get their assignments the day they return to school and complete the assignments according to the time frame determined by the teacher.** A grade of zero will be put in the grade book one week after the missed assignment’s date. Students must coordinate with the teacher about making up these missing assignments. |
| ***AI Policy:*** | | Students are not permitted to use AI tools to generate responses to any writing assignments. Generative AI is not permitted for use in my Art 1 classes. Students who are caught using AI to complete any assignments will be disciplined per the classroom management plan. |
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| ***Materials and***  ***Supplies Needed:***  ***Laptops***  ***Art Shows***  ***Accommodations***  ***18 Week Plan\****  **\*This is a tentative plan and may change at the discretion of the teacher.** | | **Students will need:**  One polymer or plastic white eraser  Wooden Pencils (not mechanical)  One hand-held pencil sharpener  One 7x10 to 9x12 spiral-bound sketchbook  *Optional Materials:*  Drawing Pencils  Artist-quality colored pencils  **Concerning laptop utilization**: 1. Student laptops should not be hard-wired to the network or have print capabilities. 2. Use of discs, flash drives, jump drives, or other USB devices will not be allowed on Madison City computers. 3. Neither the teacher nor the school is responsible for broken, stolen, or lost laptops. 4. Laptops and other electronic devices will be used at the individual discretion of the teacher.  Each semester, we have an art show to showcase the talents of the student body. **Each student is required to submit two art pieces for the show.** This will be for a daily grade. The date of the show will be announced soon. Students aren’t required to attend, but it is highly encouraged.  Student work may also be submitted to other art show opportunities. These extra shows are not a requirement, but a chance to showcase student skills and abilities.  Requests for accommodations for this course or any school event are welcomed by students and parents.   * Preliminary Observational Drawing / Introduction to Sketching * Perspective Unit * Observational Drawing / Visual Measurement * Still Life Drawing * Portraits * Collage * Introduction to Digital Art / Digital Collage * Pastel Unit * Colored Pencil Unit * Writing Artist Statements * Final |

Dear Parent/Guardian,

I am very excited to begin this class. Visual Arts is my passion, and I hope to make this class fun for your students as well! I look forward to getting to know your child this semester and hope you will contact me should you have any concerns about their progress. Please sign and date this page and upload it to Schoology by 8/15/25!

Looking forward to a great year!

***Elizabeth Minyard McKinney***

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# Parent/Guardian Contact Information:

Name: Phone:

Email:

# Syllabus Affirmation:

Signing below indicates that you have read the syllabus and agree to all policies and procedures found therein. Please contact the instructor with any questions or concerns.

Signature: Date:



Please check this box if your student needs financial assistance purchasing the required school supplies.

**Last thing**: Is there any additional information about your student that might be helpful to know as I strive to serve them well as a teacher this semester? Feel free to share below, send me an email, or contact me via Parent Square. (I will read what you say and apply it as best I can.)







