| ***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 student with parent contact * Withdrawal of privilege(s) with parent contact * Other consequences determined to be reasonable and appropriate by the school administration.   **Cell Phones**  Cell phones and earbuds/headphones will not be allowed to be used during classroom instruction time. Phones and earbuds/headphones will be put away in a location designated by the teacher and placed in silent mode. In secondary schools, students will have access to their phones and earbuds/headphones outside of classroom instruction time such as between classes and lunch. Failure to follow these procedures will result in a disciplinary referral to the office. |
| ***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:*** | | **Make-up tests** will **only** be given to a student who has an **excused absence**. **The student must make arrangements with the teacher to take a make-up test.** **Tests may be taken during Patriot Path with prior arrangement from each teacher.**  A student only has two chances (the next two Patriot Paths after the absence) to make up a test. All make-up tests will be administered in the designated classroom on the Patriot Path session roster.  **Homework/Classwork:** Students who are absent for **excused reasons** will be permitted to make up missed work. **It is the student’s responsibility to get their work assignments the day upon return to school and complete the assignments according to a time frame determined by the teacher within two weeks of the date of the last absence**. Grades of zero will be assigned for assignments missed because of unexcused absences. |
| ***Text and Other***  ***Required Reading:*** | | Students will be assigned short art history passages and fine arts news articles that will be posted on Schoology. |
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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 * Final |

Dear Parent/Guardian,

I am very excited to begin this class. Science has always been my favorite subject, 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 1/17/25.

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 or send me an email. (I really will read what you say and try to apply it as best I can.)







