

## Welcome to the ARC Art Studio!

Bring your A game. Leave your marks.

This year, I hope you create an authentic thing. And then another. At some point, we will see your art and know it is your creation because it looks like your style.

We will begin with the basics and build upon that foundation. You will improve your ability with every piece of art you create. With every skill you develop, you can leverage your art in a new way. Art is a tool which is used to shape our experiences.

Each day, we experience patterns, imagery, and signs through society and culture. As we interact with people and the world around us, we wear fashion and send emojis and memes. We are continually exposed to advertising, and entertainment ensures we are rapt. Traffic signage communicates to the masses to improve automobile safety and guide drivers to their destination. A sports team's new fit is on point. Branded logos are flashed onto hats, shoes, and cars. More and more is made to get our attention and communicate...something. All of this is possible and impactful because of Art.

Art is what we study in these studio classes. Art is a visual language we can use to communicate. The more you study and learn about the visual experience, the more likely you will be understood by the viewer. Intention and follow-through are big in this class. And we learn by doing. By making our mark.

Please enjoy your opportunity in the art studio. I hope you surprise yourself.

## The art classes at ARC are:

- **Experimentation-heavy:** Be prepared to try new techniques for making art. There is much to be discovered in what we have never explored.
- **Process-oriented:** You will develop a variety of ways of making art. Everybody in class can learn a lot from one another.
- **Project-based:** Examples of upcoming projects in the art studio are a series of exercises, a singular creation of art to apply what you have learned, and varied versions of a theme.

*Students will share a similar starting point in every class. As the class progresses, each student has the opportunity to expand the assignment to a larger endeavor.*

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## General Expectations

- Use constructive language, remain kind, and seek understanding.
- Ensure your behavior does not disrupt the productivity of the class.

## ARC Art Class Expectations

- Have your **sketchbook** (*provided beginning of the third week*) and a couple of **pencils** in class each day.
- If you have to bring your backpack to class, store it in the designated **Bag Room** in the art studio as you enter the class.
- We will spend **40 minutes** in instruction time, making/talking-about/thinking-about/critiquing art, everyday.

## Grading

The grades in Art will be posted in Infinite Campus as MARKS, 1-6. This general rubric (available on the ARC Art class webpage) is based on proficiency and correlates to percentage grades and the 4.0 scale.

*minor Grades [m\_]* : Exercises, ideation, sketches, reflections

*MAJOR Grades [J\_]* : Projects, application of learned skills, “big” pieces

- Assignments are graded the evening of the first day of class for the week. Usually on Mondays, and posted by the following morning.
- Missing Assignments/Late Work: **5% off per day late**, with a maximum of 25% off. Submit artwork to the teacher so the submission date can be documented. Assignments more than a week late will not be accepted.
- Each submitted art assignment will be assessed for:
  - **Composition**: Utilizing the Elements of Art & Principles of Design
  - **Craftsmanship**: Using the materials to efficiently present your art.
  - **Authenticity**: YOUR way of creating art.

## Tutoring

Tutoring is available after school on **Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday**, and **Friday** until 4pm. This is a time for completing missing work, receiving assistance on technique, and discussing individualized curriculum. **Please tell Mr. Lanier in class if you plan to stay for tutoring that day.** No tutoring on Thursday.

## A few more things worth knowing...

- We will not be eating during instruction time.
- Drinking water is permitted. Your water container needs to have a **secure** lid. Leaking makes for sadness 😞
- The rules for the school are enforced in the Art Rooms.
- The School Board policy on phones/etc. is in effect in the Art Rooms.
- Disruptions in class will receive a Verbal Reminder. Continued disruptions will progress through Official Warning, Calls Home, and Referrals.

**TL;DR:** Create art in class everyday and be kind. You can do it :)

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