



Welcome to the WCSD Fine Arts Program

This course is offered through WCSD and offers an ongoing artistic learning experience on a daily basis for all students. Our Fine Arts program offers multiple opportunities for young artists to collaborate with working artists throughout the program. Display opportunities are ongoing and include our annual District-Wide Festival of the Arts. Our students are guided by talented teachers with years of experience teaching and creating art in the district as well as in private studios, galleries, local colleges, and universities. Through our Fine Arts program, our students have the opportunity to achieve their Advanced Regents Diploma and take Advanced Placement courses. We align our work to the NYSED Standards for the Arts to provide opportunities for students to pursue their passion through creativity and rigor.



SIA PhotoMedia - ½ credit

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Course Description:

This half year course will offer an introduction to Digital Photography. Students will learn and utilize proper techniques and skills utilizing photography as a medium. Students will both create their own unique photographic images and learn how to properly utilize pre-existing images, using both cameras and photo editing software.

Upon successful completion of this course, students will be able to continue on to take full year Photo I or Media II next year.

A Google Classroom will be set up for students to view/post assignments as needed.

Course Content

- Learn and understand basic photography terms/vocabulary
- Operate and use digital equipment (cameras, photo editing software)
- Learn and utilize photographic techniques
- Use Principles of Art and Design in photographic terms

Assessment:

For each project, rubrics will be provided. General expectations for project completion will be discussed prior to the start of each lesson. Clean up and participation are factored into every project.

Expectations:

- Show up to class **on time** and prepared. When you are late, you miss important instructions for the day and therefore cannot be given full credit for that class/project.
- Complete assignments by given deadlines.
- Maintain a positive and creative working environment.
- Take part in class discussions and critiques of work presented in class.
- Follow expected school rules (no hats/hoods, off your phones unless it is being used for a project, etc.)
- **There is NO FOOD permitted in ANY art room. Drinks with caps are allowed.**

Grading:

You will receive grades from every assignment. These grades are averaged equally together for your final grade. This means that if you do not hand in a project, a zero will be averaged in with your other grades. 1 missed project can fail you.

Class time is where the majority of work is completed. After school help will be available, however regular class attendance is mandatory. Late work will not be accepted after the end of the quarter. **It is your responsibility to make up any missing work.**

Please see me if you have a long absence or an emergency comes up. I will help you get caught up. **Work from previous quarters cannot be made up.**

Photo assignments will be impacted if submitted late. For every week it is late, 10 points will be deducted. For instance, if an assignment is due on a Friday and you do not submit it for 1 week, the highest it will be considered will be a 90, after 2 weeks an 80, 3 weeks a 70, etc.

Important Dates:

1st Quarter ends 11/8

2nd Quarter ends 1/24

Cell Phone Policy:

The district is implementing a new cell phone policy this year. If you receive a referral for Cell Phone/ Electronic Device Violation, your phone can be taken/stored in a school-provided pouch for the duration of the school day.

As we have 3 class cameras, we use our cell phones for a majority of assignments. Be smart & responsible with your cell phone use, both in and out of the class. Should your phone be locked, you may be unable to do the classwork for the day and have to take photos at home.

Plagiarism:

There is a difference between plagiarism and appropriation. If you use any image in your artwork that is not your own, it must move beyond duplication and illustrate an original idea. If you ever question whether or not something is plagiarism, COME TO ME IMMEDIATELY!

Please note that this syllabus is subject to change at the discretion of the course instructor.

Please contact me personally if there are issues/concerns at all. I will do everything possible to accommodate participation in this class.

Best method of communication is my email:

lindsay.wasserman@wcsdny.org

Please review this with your parents/guardians. It is important for them to know and understand what type of work you will be doing this year and what is expected of you. Thank you and I'm looking forward to this year!

Keep the syllabus for your own reference. Only this page should be returned.

Due back by Friday, 9/13!!

Student Accountability Contract: I have read the syllabus and I fully understand what is expected of me, and I intend to do my best to fulfill my responsibilities as outlined in the syllabus.

Student Name (print) _____

Period: _____

Student Signature: _____

Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Contract of Support: I have read my student's syllabus. I will support my student in fulfilling the requirements and expectations expressed in the document.

Parent/Guardian name (print): _____

Parent/Guardian signature: _____

Date: _____