

Welcome to Design in Art. In this class we will be focusing on learning the elements of design, elements of art, and expressing thoughts and/or feelings through different mediums. This class contains both academic measures such as worksheets and tests in addition to the composition and critiquing of new art works; in short, students will be assessed both on their learning of design and execution of art throughout the year, and this is non-negotiable.

Students are required to provide the following materials for the class:

- A work apron of adequate length to protect clothing, to be kept in the workroom

Course Objectives:

- Δ Students will be held to the Arizona state standards for visual arts.
- Δ Students will be learning established academic/genre specific vocabulary to discuss and critique art and design
- Δ Students will be learning how to deal with a variety of different mediums, learning the characteristics and weaknesses of each in planning and executing designs
- Δ Students will generate a variety of work intended to show self-expression and improvement of specific artistic and design skills
- Δ Students will produce a volume of work in a variety of mediums to reflect upon different mediums and concepts in a gallery/show environment and in a personal, professional portfolio

Class Rules:

1. Be on time.
2. Respect yourself and others.
3. Be prepared.
4. Do your best work.
5. Maintain an environment for learning.
6. Keep a positive attitude.
7. Take responsibility.
8. Dress appropriately.
9. Use your time wisely.

Class Rule 1, subsection 1 – Tardiness

(See 2019-2020 "North Pointe Student Handbook, 13).

Class Rule 2, subsection 1 – Safety

Many assignments in the course will require handling of materials and substances that may pose a harm to students if not handled properly. Any student misusing any materials in the classroom will be removed from the class immediately, no exceptions. Repeated offences will not be tolerated and administration will be involved in the discipline process at all times. Additionally, students will be expected to maintain during class time and present a clean work space at the end of every class period.

Class Rule 2, subsection 2 – Subjectivity and Objectivity

Due to the nature of the class, peer input will be necessary from time to time on student art compositions. While constructive criticism is expected, negative comments regarding a student's work will not be tolerated. Repeated offenders will fail the assignment and be removed from the class.

Class Rule 3, subsection 1 – Homework

(See 2019-2020 North Pointe Student Handbook, 15)

Class Rule 4, subsection 1 – Plagiarism

"Students are expected to work independently on tests, homework, and all other assignments unless otherwise specified by the teacher. Plagiarism, cheating, sharing of answers, informing about the content, or copying will not be tolerated. Students who are aware of the above activities have the responsibility to report the violation to a faculty member or the administration." (2019-2020 North Pointe Student Handbook, 21)

While I appreciate the artistic genius of Picasso and his philosophy that all art is "stolen" from others, plagiarism will NOT be tolerated. Inspiration from sources such as the Internet, magazines, and other such media is encouraged and welcome; replication will be viewed as plagiarism and will result in a 0 for the assignment/project, with no further opportunity provided to make up the failed work. Further attempts at plagiarism will result in further work dismissal and appropriate disciplinary action.

Class Rule 5, subsection 1 – Cellphones and other electronic devices

"Unless approved by administration, personal electronic devices (cell phones, iPods/iPads/tablets, mp3 players, etc.) may not be used during class time, and are to be stored in silent mode. Additionally, ear plugs/earphones, etc. may not be worn or used during class time. ... A violation of the electronic device policy will result in the device being confiscated and will be treated as a disciplinary matter" (*North Pointe Student Handbook*, 6).

*Music to work by will be provided by the teacher. If Internet access is needed for inspiration, communicate this to the teacher for aid in the matter. Notes should be recorded on paper, not on an electronic device, in the classroom. *In short, there is **NO need** for students to be on their phones during instructional time.**

Class Rule 7, subsection 1 – Grading

It is ultimately the student's responsibility to maintain/improve their grade, though parents are also encouraged to monitor their student's progress. Quarter grades will be calculated based on: practice worksheets, sketchbook designs, weekly sketches, finished projects, station cleanliness, semester portfolio, and semester juried show. Semester grades will be calculated from the two quarter scores; additionally, there will be a cumulative, semester final which will comprise 10% of the aggregate score. Students will be made aware of the testing day at the earliest possible time.

*Student work turned in without a name will not be given any credit. This is a fundamental aspect for all work and is not the teacher's responsibility to identify the work based upon a student's handwriting, level of work, or the color of ink used. No excuses! *

Class Rule 7, subsection 2 – Late Assignments

As a general rule, assignments will be considered late if they are not turned in by the beginning of the class period in which they are due. Late assignments may be turned in by the end of the same day in which they would have otherwise been accepted for a small reduction in score. Late assignments will be accepted and graded, but will not earn above 50% of the available credit.

* In the event that an extended project coincides with the planned absence (this includes school related activities [2019-2020 North Pointe Student Handbook, 17 & 25]) of a student, that student is required to make arrangements to have his/her work turned in on time, or it will be considered late and penalized accordingly. *

Class Rule 7, subsection 3 – Missed Assignments

(See 2019-2020 North Pointe Student Handbook, 17)

*It is the practice of this teacher to put in a 0 for all missing work. Any excused absence will still be accepted for full credit, provided it meets the above criteria, and the grade will be adjusted upon the receipt and grading of said work. *

Class Rule 7, subsection 4 – Graduation

“Seniors who are not passing classes necessary for graduation *by the end of the first school day in May* will not participate in North Pointe’s Senior Awards Night and Graduation, *even if they are passing the classes on the last day of school.*” (North Pointe Student Handbook, 18; emphasis added)

Class Rule 8, subsection 1 – Protecting clothing & student

On days when students will be handling any “messy” materials, students will be expected to wear an apron to protect themselves and their clothing. Students refusing to wear such protective clothing will not be allowed to participate, which will negatively affect their grade in the class. Advanced notice will be given to students so they may plan additional clothing at their wish as well.

Class Rule 9, subsection 1 – Tutoring

Students struggling with any assignment or project are encouraged to sign up for the Art Lab times available after school. These times are made available for groups of 2-D & 3-D design students to work, but if individual students from class need time they may bring a partner to sit with them *if no one else has signed up.*

Academic Friday School

Students who fail a semester core course are required to attend Academic Friday School from 12:15 pm – 3:30 pm the following semester to make up the credit. Students who fail to attend Academic Friday School are subject to disciplinary action.

Transfer Credit

Once enrolled, North Pointe does not accept course credit from other high school or online instructions.

The instructor reserves the right to adjust and/or modify the syllabus according to the needs of the class. Any other scenarios not explicitly covered in the syllabus will be dealt with according to classroom rules listed above and school policy.

I understand the rules and policies that have been laid out for this class and agree to abide by them.

Student signature (print): _____

Student signature (sign): _____

I understand the rules and policies that have been laid out for this class and agree to assist and encourage my student to abide by said rules and policies and help my student meet or exceed their semester grade goal.

Parent signature (print): _____

Parent signature (sign): _____

Parent email address:
