

Welcome!! In this class we will be focusing on learning the elements of art, principles of design, 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.

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 & 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 and/or abilities
- Δ Students will produce a volume of work in a variety of mediums and reflect upon different mediums and concepts in a gallery/show environment as well as a personal, professional portfolio

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

- A work apron of adequate length to protect clothing, to be kept in organized workspace

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 2020-2021 North Pointe Student Handbook, 12).

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*There is limited time to complete all assignments in the class. Ipso facto, if you're late you are losing precious instruction/execution time that will be hard to recover. *

Class Rule 1, subsection 2 — Attendance

(See 2020-2021 North Pointe Student Handbook, 11-12).

Attendance will be taken at the beginning of every class period, whether students are physically in class or are participating online. It is the student's responsibility to acknowledge their presence when asked **AND** communicate any issues interacting with the class immediately to the teacher for accurate attendance.

Class Rule 2, subsection 1 — Subjectivity and Objectivity

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

Class Rule 4, subsection 1 — Plagiarism/Cheating

(see 2020-2021 North Pointe Student Handbook, 20)

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

(see *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 (see 2020-2021 *North Pointe Student Handbook*, 14). The teacher will maintain the priority of grading and returning work in a timely manner. Progress reports will also be sent out on the 3rd, 5th, 7th, & 8th week of every quarter

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(*note: the teacher reserves the right to adjust this presented schedule at any given time*).

Quarter grades will be calculated based on classroom assignments, concept sketches, completed projects, and of course, class participation. There will also be a grade for the student's portfolio and participation in the juried show, generated in the later quarter of the semester.

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 all testing days at the earliest possible time to allow for proper preparation.

*Student work turned in without a name will not be given any credit, and this includes online submissions. 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, the color of ink used, or any other such manner other than the standard prescribed method. No excuses! *

Class Rule 7, subsection 2 — Missed Assignments

(See 2020-2021 North Pointe Student Handbook, 16)

*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 3 — Late Assignments

Missing work can still be turned in as late work for a pro-rated grade, excepting the art show & the portfolio due at the end of the semester.

* In the event that an extended project coincides with the planned absence (this includes school related activities [2020-2021 North Pointe Student Handbook, 16 & 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 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, 16-17; emphasis added)

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Virtual Classroom Expectations

Due to the need to meet virtually through at least the beginning of this school year, the teacher will expect students to conduct themselves as if they were in an actual classroom environment. This means silencing alarms & notifications from electronic devices, limiting all outside distractions, speaking respectfully, listening attentively, dressing appropriately; in short, the virtual classroom—whether a Google Meet/Zoom-like interaction or the Google classroom—is still considered a full classroom with all rules and policies in place.

Material Availability During Online/Distance Learning

The teacher will make every available effort to reduce further expense on students as much as possible by making art materials available as often as possible during times where face to face instruction classes are prohibited. It is then expected that students will make the best effort to pick up available materials and use said materials responsibly.

Safety

Many assignments in the course may 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. Additionally, students will be expected to maintain during class time and present a clean workspace at the end of every class period.

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.

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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/Guardian signature

(print): _____

Parent/Guardian signature

(sign): _____

Parent/Guardian phone number:

Parent/Guardian email address:

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