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MacArthur Art 1 Syllabus: 2018-2019

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## Class Introduction:

Welcome to Art 1! In this class, you will learn the basics of drawing, painting, and design. You do not need to know how to draw to be in this class—we will practice that! (And if you already have some drawing skills, that's great, too.)

## Grading:

Art is fun, but it's also a serious class in which you will earn a letter grade. To be a good artist, you must practice and work hard! Your grade will depend on the following things:

- projects (quality, effort, and improvement)
- warm-ups and practice exercises
- class participation and behavior
- quizzes
- homework

Notice that you will not be graded on how talented you are. Everyone has different abilities, and that's okay. However, you will be graded on your effort. I expect you to always try your best, meet assignment requirements, and show improvement.

## Class Expectations:

- Be in your seat and working on your warm-up BEFORE the bell rings. Otherwise, you're tardy.
- Keep a neat, organized ART section in your binder. This is required.
- Copy deadlines in your agenda.
- Treat all art materials with respect. Use them appropriately.
- Demonstrate respect to other students, your teacher, and your classroom. NEVER insult another student's work or ability level.
- Clean up after yourself.
- Try your best, and turn in neat, professional-looking work.

## Rules and Safety:

- Do not leave your seat without permission.
- Follow the steps of the assignment, and use the materials the way we have discussed.
- Know and follow all MacArthur rules and expectations—I enforce them.
- All art must be school appropriate, whether it is for an assignment or not. (Do not draw or write anything that could get you in trouble.)
- Silent work time must be silent. Quiet work time must be quiet. The studio should never be noisy.
- NEVER use any equipment or tools that you don't know how to use.
- NEVER make any marks on furniture, walls, or any other place you are not supposed to.
- Automatic office referral if you are misusing materials, or doing anything unsafe.
- I will dismiss you from class, not the bell.

## In Art, You Are NEVER “DONE”...

You may continue to work on a project until you reach the deadline (due date). If you finish early, and are completely done, you MAY NOT work on assignments from another class. Art 1 may not be used as a study hall. Unless there is a special circumstance, you must ALWAYS BE WORKING ON ART.

Finished early? You may:

- sketch in your sketchbook or on scratch paper
- quietly look at an art book
- complete a “free art” assignment

## Deadlines:

A deadline is a date and time when a project is due. Your project must be finished by this time, or it will affect your grade. Most of the time you will NOT be allowed to take work home. If you fall behind, you must come in during “open studio hours.” (Posted weekly.)

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## **Dear Parents/Guardians:**

Please review the Art 1 Syllabus information with your child so that you are aware of all class expectations, rules, and requirements.

Art 1 is an exciting class, but it also requires time and effort. Students are expected to meet all deadlines, which sometimes means coming in to finish projects before and after school. Positive behavior, participation, and serious effort are required for success.

We use a lot of messy materials in class. If you’d like to donate paper towels, hand wipes, or tissues, they are always very much appreciated! We also recycle old magazines and newspapers for art projects, if you have any.

If you have any questions, please contact me at: [katie.cunningham@sausd.us](mailto:katie.cunningham@sausd.us) .

Thank you!

Ms. Cunningham

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## **Art 1 Syllabus Parent Signature Slip**

*I have reviewed the syllabus information with my child.*

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Period: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_