**Ringgold High School Art 1 Class Syllabus**

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**COURSE DESCRIPTION**

**Art 1** is a foundations class meant to introduce students to the knowledge and tools that will be needed for future art explorations. Students will have the opportunity to experience a wide range of artist media including, *but not limited to*: drawing, painting, ceramics and collage. **We will use textbooks. We will have test.**

**MATERIALS NEEDED**

1. Signed Syllabus
2. $5.00 Art Fee
3. Pencils – You will **always** need to **bring a pencil** to class. If you do not bring a pencil to class, you may be asked to leave collateral item with me in order to borrow a pencil.

**CLASSWORK / HOMEWORK GUIDELINES**

Occasionally homework will be assigned. Ample time will be given for ALL classwork to be completed in class. If, after being given plenty of time to complete work in class, students still have not finished, they may need to complete the work as HOMEWORK.

Students should use their time wisely and while **QUIET** discussion may be at times permitted, students should remember that this is a classroom and not a social function : ) .

**MAKE UP WORK PROCEDURES**

Please see me as soon as you return to class from an absence to discuss any make-up work needed. **This is your responsibility.**

**EXTRA HELP**

Please see me if you feel you are in need of extra help. I want you to succeed in this class.

**GRADING POLICY**

The following is the grading scale to be used in all courses.

A 90-100

B 80-89

C 74-79

D 70-73

F 69 and below

Please note that grades will not be used to punish student behavior, but will be utilized as a tool to indicate earned academic success. **Grades are earned, not given.**

**ASSESSMENT**

Student progress will be assessed using a variety of formal and informal techniques. Written assessments, direct observation and verbal assessments will all be used.

The grades will be given in the following categories and weighted accordingly:

**Projects** will be graded as follows, unless given a project specific grading rubric:

Following Direction 25%

Design/Quality/Neatness of Work 25%

Effort 50%

**Projects 50%**

**Participation 20%**

**Sketchbook Assignments 20%**

**Quiz/Test 10%**

Just finishing a project on time does not earn you an “A”. Your effort, time worked, attention to detail and thoughtful planning, are weighted heavily when it comes to the grade you earn.

**Participation** will be graded on how well you listen during instruction time, work during work time, clean up during clean up time and participate during class discussions. **EVERY DAY COUNTS!**

**Quizzes/Test:** Some will be announced and some will not be. Please pay close attention during morning warm-up work and instruction time. Actually read your assignments.

**RITUALS AND ROUTINES**

BELL: Come to class ON TIME. You must be IN the class when the bell rings. School Tardy Policy will be followed.

BEGINNING OF CLASS: Enter quietly and check the board for instructions.

REMAIN IN THE SEATING AREA: There are parts of this art room that are off limits to students. Stay in the SEATING AREA unless you have permission to go to another area.

LESSON: During the lesson, be respectful to teacher and your classmates by listening and by not disturbing others.

STUDIO TIME: This is your time to be creative but it is also WORK time. STAY on task. Work on your art. STAY in your seat: the only time that you should be up and moving around the SEATING AREA is when you need to get supplies.

I’M FINISHED: If you finish a project before others, you will use this time to:

* Clean up your area – PRIORITY
* Finish any prior projects that may not be complete.
* Work on free-draw projects.
* Read from a book.
* Study/work from another class.

TALKING: TALKING IS NOT ACCEPTABLE DURING INSTRUCTION. During STUDIO TIME talking **quietly** will *usually* be permitted, HOWEVER, if repeated reminders about not being on task or the noise level have to be given, this privilege CAN and WILL BE REVOKED.

Cell phones/electronics will be at all times **TURNED OFF** and **PUT AWAY**, **OUT OF SIGHT**, **NOT IN YOUR HANDS** and preferably off your person. If a cell phone/electronics device is out, you will be required to place it in the clear storage pockets at the front of the room until the end of class bell. If you are a habitual offender the cell phone/electronic will be locked away until taken to the office with a referral to be picked up at the end of the day and so on following school policy for all future offenses.

**If** the above protocol is not followed, the daily procedure will change for everyone. **The alternative procedure will be DAILY cell phone storage in the clear pocket files at the front of the classroom for the duration of the class. Return of phones will be at the end of class time.**

PASSES OUT OF CLASS: Students must sign out on white board in assigned area AND take the pass. You **may NOT** sign out during instruction time. **NEVER** leave class without teacher permission. School Policies will be enforced. **THIS CLASS IS NOT YOUR TIME TO TAKE CARE OF OTHER SCHOOL BUSINESS. That should be taken care of during lunch (counselors), before or after school or during the respective class.**

ONLY ONE PERSON out at a time is permitted. Again, you **MUST** sign out on the board **AND** take the pass.

END OF CLASS: Put away materials and cleanup studio area. YOU are responsible for any cleaning needed in your area. Class will not be dismissed until it is done. ALWAYS CLEAN PAINT OUT OF PAINTBRUSHES and CLEAN UP YOUR PALLETES, and ALWAYS RINSE PAINT BLOBS DOWN THE DRAIN.

BELL: REMAIN SEATED UNTIL THE BELL and DO NOT EXIT class until DISMISSED BY THE TEACHER. **LINING UP AT THE DOOR IS NO LONGER PERMITTED per school administration**!

**CLASSROOM EXPECTATIONS**

Be Respectful

* Respect yourself by conducting yourself in an **appropriate** manner.
* Respect your classmates by being courteous, **kind** and at all times **well-mannered**.
* Respect the classroom by **cleaning up** and **not being destructive**.
* Respect your teachers by **following directions**, **not talking during instruction time**, **talking quietly when permitted** and **doing your work**. \*\*\*\*Substitute Teachers INCLUDED\*\*\*\*
* Respect the artwork by **doing your very best** at all times.

Be Prepared

* Be ready to work.
* Always bring your **sketchbook, pencil, eraser, creativity** and a **GREAT ATTITUDE**!
* DO NOT BRING weapons, toys, food, soft drinks, arguments, aggressive behavior or disrespect to Art class.

*This is your time to think out of the box, use your imagination,*

*and* ***LET*** *yourself get excited about the work you are doing!*

Be ON TIME

School Tardy Policy will be enforced.

ALL other school rules ALWAYS apply including School Dress Code Policy and Cell Phone/Electronics Policy.

**CONSEQUENCES/DISCIPLINE** (not necessarily in order)

* Verbal Warning
* Silent Desk OR Permanent Table/Seat Reassignment
* Extra Bookwork
* Call Home to Parents/Guardian
* Detention
* Office Referral

*\*\*\*\* Encourage responsible and accountable actions. The more responsible you are and your classmates are, the more opportunities you will have. \*\*\*\**

**WHAT YOU CAN EXPECT FROM ME:**

* an abundance of *ENCOURAGEMENT.*
* a SAFE CLASSROOM where **ALL** students are **WELCOME and RESPECTED**
* A STANDARDS-BASED Curriculum full of fun and exciting projects!
* a ZERO TOLERANCE to inappropriate behavior such as:
  + - * bad language
      * disrespectful actions toward your classmates or teacher
      * leaving class without permission and pass
      * destructive actions
      * wasting materials
      * not doing your part for clean-up

**-----------------------------------CUT AND RETURN BOTTOM PORTION----------------------------------------------**

**I DO NOT WANT THE TOP PORTION BACK… ONLY THIS FORM IS TO BE RETURNED**

Please sign & date below confirming that you have read and understand the syllabus for ART I. **Turn in by Monday, August 14, 2017.**

Student Signature:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Please sign and date below confirming that you have read and understand the syllabus for ART 1 and know that you can access a copy of this syllabus at any time on the school website under my name.

**PARENT EMAIL**:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **PARENT Cell Phone**: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**PARENT Signature**:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**\_\_\_\_\_\_ I have included the $5.00 Art Fee in the form of (circle one) cash or check #\_\_\_\_\_\_.**