

# Class Syllabus: Introduction to Art

Instructor: Mr. Cordes

Room: 12

Introduction to Art class is the first art class students take in grades 9 through 12; the course covers a variety of art mediums (pencil, oil pastels, pencil colors, clay, paint, etc.). This course will give the students a variety of art experiences so that they have a better idea of future art courses they may want to sign up for during their high school years at Delano.

All Projects given will be based on 100 possible points.

Tests will be given on the vocabulary of art: Elements and Principles of Design.

In Class work scores will be given for responsibility and pre-plans for larger projects.

Final Exam scores will be given for students' ability to complete a complex project (Clay Mask and Original Story). This project will incorporate many techniques learned during the course and also have a well thought out theme incorporated into both the mask and story. The mask will be presented to the public through an art exhibition.

The Final Exam (Mask and Story) must be completed to receive a possible passing score for this class.

Late projects (2 class days beyond last day of in class work) will receive a -5 per class day. Yet, any project completed may always receive 70 points out of a 100 no matter how late it is handed in during the quarter the class is taken if it fulfills assignment requirements, is complete and would receive a value of 70 or greater.

Phones may not be used in class. Phones may be used to look up information or images needed for student artwork ONLY with teacher permission.

Grading will be based on these four categories:

Projects	60%
Tests	20%
In Class Work	10%
Final	10%

The Grade Scale is as follows:

100-98	A+
97-95	A
94-92	A-
91-89	B+
88-86	B
85-83	B-
82-80	C+
79-77	C

76-74	C-
73-71	D+
70-68	D
67-65	D-
64-0	F

**Grading is based on the following criteria:**

**Extra Credit and redo:** No Extra credit is offered in this course, but any assignment which was handed in by the due date may be redone with a new composition to replace an old grade.

**Grading:**

**A (Exceptional Work)** Work is done and completed on time. Students have creatively interpreted and fulfilled all of the requirements both conceptually and technically, resulting in work that is exceptional and pushed to a degree that needs little or no refinement.

**B (Above Average Work)** Work is done and completed on time. Students have creatively interpreted the assignment, and fulfilled all of the requirements technically. The ideas expressed in the work are well done but could be pushed further or expressed more creatively.

**C (Average)** Work is done and completed on time. Students have interpreted the assignment correctly, but the ideas expressed and or some of the technical aspects of the work need (or needed) further development.

**D (Below Average)** Work has been handed in late; or the work is incomplete and underdeveloped; or the assignment parameters were not followed.

**F (Unacceptable Work)** Work is not done or has been handed in very late, or unfinished. Technical and conceptual aspects of the work are poor and unacceptable