



WELCOME!



Welcome to VISUAL ARTS

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In order to make this classroom a comfortable place for everyone, EACH student must:

- 1) Be on time and ready to give 100% on a daily basis
- 2) Complete in-class assignments and homework given.

Classroom rules are strictly enforced, and EVERY student has SIX basic responsibilities:

- 1) Show respect. Be respectful toward one another and the teacher.
- 2) Wait for your turn. I expect that you will pay attention when the teacher or another student has the floor. Please look at me when I address you.
- 3) Arrive to class on time. I will follow and apply Perry H.S. Tardy policy (refer to Manual)
Please go to the bathroom before the late bell rings.
- 4) Think before you speak: mocking, swearing & foul gestures are unacceptable.
- 5) **I will support new cell phone rules, but these are subject to change based on each period . (NOTE: Confiscated Electronic Devices will be turned into OFFICE! As soon as I have a chance.)**

Just Remember: BASIC GOOD MANNERS and RESPECTFUL BEHAVIOR is not an option, it is an expectation.

Classroom procedures will be as followed:

- We will have Homework assignments, very rarely so PLEASE Do them on time and keep them in your sketchbook.
 - Make-up work is YOUR RESPONSIBILITY and is accepted only for **excused absences**. You will have one day to make up for one day missed.
- Due Dates and Quizzes will be announced ahead of time and written on the white board.
YOU MUST TURN IN PROJECTS TO ME, I DON'T GO LOOKING FOR THEM.
- Accept and apply suggestions given and don't take critiques personally
 - If caught cheating, you will receive a zero and a referral will be written.
 - IF YOU DITCH A CLASS, WHEN A MAJOR PROJECT IS DUE you will get **Half the credit of what the work deserves.**
 - A participation grade will be issued each quarter. You will be awarded 2 points daily for anything and everything.
 - *No gum, eating and/or drinking* in class, with the exception of water!!
 - **Dress code** policy will be strictly enforced (see student handbook).

There is a \$20 fee for this class.

The Grading Policy in this class is as follows:

Grades are based on a point system. Each assignment will be worth a certain number of points, based on its difficulty. The total number of points earned will determine your percentage grade. Every day you don't work, you will lose 2 points. The total points for participation will change based on the amount of days we meet each quarter. The grade for this class is quarter based 40% per quarter, with a **Final** exam worth **20%**.

LATE WORK: I WILL ACCEPT LATE PROJECTS **only** if you stay after BEFORE school or AFTER school within 1 week of the due date, with NO POINTS taken off. **This week grace period might be shorter if it reaches progress reports/report cards or final exams dates.**

****Extensions and exceptions will be made up to teacher's discretion.** (if you stayed after every day for the week's grace period and are still not finished, and the project permits you **might** be allowed to work on it at home). Very rarely does this occur. I will gladly speak with any student or parent/guardian concerning the students' progress at any time during the year.

NOTE: Grades will be available on-line with student number & pin. I take pride in logging grades very promptly. **I HAVE A CALENDAR ON MY WEBSITE, WITH DUE DATES AND ASSIGNMENT DESCRIPTIONS.**

Grading art can be subjective, that is why following procedures, turning projects on time, using time wisely and fulfilling requirements, specific to each project, will be a major part of the grade.

Accepting critiques and self evaluation is important in Art.

Stay dedicated, complete required work, be consistently present, demonstrate commitment and desire to learn, take part in class discussions and activities and remember that GRADES are earned and not given.

.....About Mrs. D

Welcome to Perry High School. I have taught for a total of 23 years. I have taught Pre K, Kindergarten, Elementary ART, Bilingual Education, High School Spanish and High School Art . I have done this in Guadalajara, Mexico, Somerville, Kingston and Pembroke Massachusetts, and now here at Perry HS. I have a BA in Graphic Design, and a Masters in International Education from Framingham State College. I have been married for 20 years and have 2 children. Nicole who is 17 and Mario who is 15 and they both attend the Chandler School district. My husband is a lawyer and works from Home.

THANK YOU!

PLEASE SIGN AND TURN IN THE NEXT PAGE
(THIS WILL COUNT AS YOUR FIRST Homework assignment GRADE)

EXPECTATIONS WERE READ AND AGREED UPON

I _____ have read, understood and agree to follow these expectations
(print name and period #)

STUDENT SIGNATURE

Parent or guardian's Signature