### **COURSE DESCRIPTION**

Creation and exploration of the visual world are at the heart of this course. The elements of art and principles of design are applied, as various processes and media are explored. A wide range of subject matter, symbols and visual expressions are used. Methods to analyze, evaluate and examine art work will be employed. Lettering, design, drawing, printmaking, painting, sculpture, and art history and appreciation are included in this course.

#### GRADING

Classroom assignments make up 70% of the grade. Grades are based on creativity, originality, craftsmanship, mastering the focus of the lesson and following directions. Knowing that we all work at different speeds, assignments may be turned in up to one week past the due date, without penalty. (An exception to this is the last assignment of each quarter, which must be in on the due date.) Work turned in any later, will be dropped one letter grade. Any late work must be turned in directly to me, not on the shelves. Inappropriate subject matter for the school setting will not be accepted and given a zero. These subjects are drugs, alcohol, sex, and violence. If you finish an assignment early you are to bring other school work or a book to read. If you have nothing, you will be given another assignment in the textbook. Participation is 30% of your grade. Appropriate behavior, attendance, being on time for class and staying on task all factor into the participation grade

# **PORTFOLIO**

A portfolio will be made the first week of school and must last all year. You will keep on-going work in this portfolio as well as all completed work for the current semester.

# **ABSENCES**

When returning to school after an absence, you must come in at 8:00 am the first day you return, to find out what you missed. **Regular class time will not be used for this purpose.** 

### **TARDIES**

Roll is taken at the start of class. If you come in after roll has been taken it is your responsibility to get my attention and see that you get your attendance corrected. Remember that if you are tardy 3 times it will count as an absence.

#### MATERIALS

A pencil, eraser, black fine point sharpie marker are required materials. None will be provided. Optional materials are colored pencils and colored markers.

# **BEHAVIOR**

Be courteous and respectful to your classmates and teacher.

Be on time and in your seat when the bell rings.

Be prepared for class...bring a pencil.

Be quiet when directions are being given.

Use materials responsibly.

Keep your work area and materials clean.

Student	Date
Parent	Date