

Welcome To Art!

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Art is taught using a discipline – based approach, comprising art history, aesthetics, art criticism and art production. Instruction in these four disciplines enables students to attain higher levels of performance, critical thinking and aesthetic judgment. While all of these components are integral to the art program, creating is the heart of instruction. I hope your students leave this class with a greater appreciation for art and understand the importance of art in our lives. I look forward to helping your student grow in his/her understanding and appreciation of visual arts and to assist in building his/her skills.
My goal is to inspire your student to think creatively.

GRADE BREAKDOWN

Percent	Georgia Performance Standard Strand	Examples of what may be graded in each strand
40%	Production	Main Projects, Summative Projects
30%	Meaning & Creative Thinking	Sketchbooks, Visual Journals, Planning Documents
20%	Contextual Understanding, Assessment & Reflection	Art History Assignments Critiques, Aesthetic Responses
10%	Connections	Connections with other areas, Art careers, Life Skills

*The examples given above are a suggested guideline and are subject to change

Policies & Expectations

- **RESPECT:**
 - Be respectful of others, their property, and their artwork.
 - Computer policy is to be followed in accordance with the Mabry & Cobb County guidelines.
 - All teachers and substitutes are to be treated with respect at all times.
- **CELL PHONES:** Cell Phones are to be kept off and out of sight unless directed by the teacher.
- **FOOD/ DRINKS:** ALL food, drinks, candy and gum are to be kept in backpacks at all times.
- **INTEGRITY:** No cheating or stealing will be allowed. This includes copying another student's work and claiming the work as his or her own, cheating on tests, and taking work (designs or written information) from the Internet. Proper credit should be given if used. **ACADEMIC DISHONESTY WILL RESULT IN A ZERO AND PARENTS WILL BE CALLED.**
- **OFF LIMITS:** ALL storage areas and office areas are OFF LIMITS, unless the teacher has granted permission.
- **PASSES:** Students must have their student agenda with them at all times. Hall passes will only be written on your agenda. No passes will be written during the first and last 10 minutes of class.
- **SAFETY:** It is imperative that students recognize that the art department must be kept a safe place in which to work and learn. Students must agree to assume the responsibility of their own safety and the safety of others. Art equipment whether new or old is expensive and difficult to replace, therefore, students will be expected to:
 - Understand techniques and procedures prior to using equipment.
 - Handle all art equipment properly
 - Report any accident to the teacher immediately
 - Learn the location of the first aid equipment and understand all emergency plans.
 - Keep workstations clean and organized.

Violations such as disrespect and dishonesty may result in an immediate office referral.