



Tohoku International School

Secondary School Course Syllabus

Course Title: Visual Arts	Teachers: Mr. Joshua Bengtson (e) – jbengtson@tisweb.net								
Level: Grades 7 through 12	Time Frame: 18-19 weeks								
<p>Brief Course Description:</p> <p>Students in Visual Arts learn to create artwork and develop their artistic skills through a variety of techniques, tools, and mediums, such as sketching, painting, and pottery. Students will use their sketchbooks as an Artists portfolio/scrapbook to take notes and make reflections, as they collect, refine, and develop new ideas and skills.</p>									
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<p>Assessments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Course Work (Participation in note taking, reflections, classwork or group activities) (30%) Unit Assessments (Projects, posters, presentations) (70%) 									

<p>Make-up work:</p> <p>If you miss class for any reason, it is your responsibility to get and make up the assignments. Please make sure to contact Mr. Bengtson via email as soon as you can, before or after your absence.</p>
<p>Late work:</p> <p>Late work is accepted, but you will lose 20% of your grade. After 7 calendar days, the assignment will not be accepted.</p>
<p>Academic Honesty is important.</p> <p>If you are caught plagiarizing, or turning in work that is not yours, you will receive a zero.</p> <p>That being said, all artists grow from copying, practicing, or redeveloping techniques, skills, and ideas of other artists. When doing this though, it is vital to pay respect to the artists and works that you draw inspiration from, by clearly communicating and visibly citing them as sources.</p>



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Do your OWN work. Do not copy or plagiarize anyone else's assignment.
Take responsibility to cite your influences (where you gained your inspiration).
This will help you to gain trust and respect as a person and an artist.

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Please send me an email if you (**student or parent!**) have any questions, comments, or concerns.