

Visual Art Department
A. Mario Loiederman Middle School for the Creative and Performing Arts

8th Grade Visual Art Teacher
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Visual Art is part of the comprehensive performing and creative arts program at Loiederman Magnet Middle School. Visual instruction is offered at every grade level and is open to all students regardless of experience and ability.

It is our goal for the young artists to:

- Excel in artistic ability and production of art forms.
- Demonstrate knowledge of the Elements and Principles of Design and Art concepts.
- Demonstrate an appreciation of the Arts
- Recognize and incorporate art in their personal lives and community.

Participation in visual art develops self-confidence, creativity, and enhances skills in presentation, communication and self-expression.

Art Fees, Assignments and Grades:

- **Art Fee of \$10.00** –This covers materials needed to create projects that students take home at the end of the year.
The art fee is due by Oct. 12th..
- **Due Date vs. Deadline of a Project**
Project Date is the day the project is due for full credit. Projects completed or turned in after the deadline will not be accepted.
- Assignments are based on the demonstration and performance of projects aligned with Maryland and MCPS standards.

Assessment: Grading Scale: A=90-100% B=80-89% C= 70-79% D=60-69% E=50-59%

Categories of Grades and Weight

5% Hwk (Classwork completion) 30% Summative 65% Formative

- **Use of Rubric System for Projects:**
4= Exemplary 3= Accomplished 2= Developing 1=Beginning
- Formal and Informal Critiques with peer and teacher.
- Artist statement for overall portfolio evaluation.
- Please use Edline as a resource to check student progress.

Classroom Policy:

Visual art classrooms are set up in a studio-learning environment. Students are expected to be responsible and respectful for the learning environment, materials, and management of time, themselves, their peers and teacher.

Visual Art Content:

The visual art program at Loiederman Magnet Middle School consists of twelve units of instruction delivered over the course of three years. Creative production and expression will be the assessment in each unit. These units are organized by:

- ✓ State and National outcomes for visual art
- ✓ The elements of art and design concepts
- ✓ Instruction taking place in other disciplines
- ✓ Local, state, and national events.

Semester 1 Units	Topics and/or Projects
Commercial Art	Basics of Design use of art elements and principles Photoshop Introduction and computer basics PROJECTS: Identity Collage Illuminated letter Where am I? Advocacy Poster Digital Mandala Pointillist Landscape Digital Fest Poster or Read Poster Book/Magazine cover Cd cover Test
Semester 2 Units	Topics and/or Projects
Illustrations	E-portfolio with I movie Typography Still life Self Portrait or Joy Project
Photography	Research Photographers Intro to Photography Composition Texture, Lines, and Pattern Use of art elements and principles Scavenger hunt Photo editing Surrealism Test

Original Work:

All work turned in by students must be original without copyrighted image (including internet image) unless specifically directed to by the teacher. Using non-original work will result in a zero for the assignment.

Digital Fest:

It is an optional event exhibiting student artwork in Digital Art and T. V. production “Light, Camera, & Literacy!”. It will be held June 5th, 2013.

I look forward to having you in my class and can’t wait to start a great year.

Sincerely,

Ms. Guzman

Please sign the syllabus and return to Ms. Guzman

I have read the syllabus and my child will attend Digital Fest on June 2012. I understand that failure to not do so will result in a loss of a summative grade. I will contact the teacher by January 20th if my child can not attend to obtain an alternative assignment.

Parent printed name

Date

Parent Signature

Student printed name

Pd. ____

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