

Vista Grande High School • Graphic Design 1 Syllabus

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COURSE DESCRIPTION

Graphic Design 1 is an introductory course in which students will learn to communicate ideas and solve problems creatively. Students will be introduced to the principles and elements of graphic design and will use them to create layouts for print and web. The class will learn the differences between RGB and CMYK and when each should be used, as well as how to create effective designs. The students will be introduced to image editing and digital illustration by using Adobe Photoshop and Adobe Illustrator. They will also learn techniques and skills that will help not only in class, but also in their chosen careers in the future. These skills include public speaking and presentations, meeting deadlines, and professionalism. Every student will be expected to:

- **Be respectful**
- **Be positive**
- **Be creative**
- **Be responsible**
- **Be punctual**

GRADING POLICY

Each student is graded on an individual basis. At my discretion, the point value of an assignment may change. Projects will be graded on the following criteria:

- **Was an honest effort made?**
- **Was the deadline met?**
- **Is the project complete?**
- **Were the directions followed?**

Daily participation points will be earned each day. These points will be lost for any of the following reasons:

- **Disruptive behavior in any way (talking, profanity, not working).**
- **Arriving late to class without a hall pass. If you come in one second after the late bell, you are tardy.**
- **Absence (Unless the absence is excused on Power School. It MUST be excused on Power School)**
- **Use of phone, tablet, laptop or other devices during times in which they are not permitted.**
- **Disrespecting classmates or any other person.**
- **Misuse of class materials.**
- **Other reasons at my discretion.**

Students will be expected to meet project deadlines. There will be plenty of class time given to complete each project. It is the choice of the student if a project is taken home to work on. An extra day will be given to complete an assignment for each day missed (please make sure the absences are excused on Power School).

CLASSROOM EXPECTATIONS

- **Be respectful of all people in the classroom.** Each student will be respectful of the teacher and will not impede classroom instruction through disruptive behavior or tardy entry to class. Be respectful of other students, and treat others in a mature and thoughtful manner.
- **Be respectful of the art materials.** Respect all art materials. They are to be treated in a professional manner. Take proper care of the brushes. Do not be wasteful of paint and paper. Do not write on the tables. Ask permission to use or borrow supplies and open supply cabinets. Misuse of supplies will not be tolerated.
- **Make an honest effort.** Students are expected to participate fully in all classroom activities. No student is expected to be an accomplished artist upon entry into the class. The expectation is that the student will develop skills, through practice, during the year. Students will use all class time for ART class work ONLY. Be creative & try your best!

- **No food. Food, gum, and beverages are not allowed in the classroom (except bottled water).** Students are not to bring those items into the classroom.
- **Preparation. BE ON TIME and ready to work on ART.**
- **CELL PHONES ARE NOT TO BE OUT** unless they are being used for instructional purposes. If this rule is not followed, you will receive a zero on the project you are supposed to be working on when your phone is out.
- **Class dismissal.** When the bell rings you will be dismissed only after all supplies and materials are accounted for, stored properly and the room is cleaned. You are to remain in your seats until you are dismissed by Mr. Jimenez.