

Visual Arts – Grading Policy

Even though I know students have different skill levels and gifts, I think it's helpful to provide feedback to our art students using a *Rubric* that provides grading criteria for each project. The students receive a copy of the Rubric to better understand project steps and grading expectations. These point totals are turned into letter grades. I use the district grading scale provided on Skyward. See **NOTE** at bottom.

Grade 5

Students in **grade 5** are asked to complete four (4) main projects for the semester. Each project is worth 40 points, a total of 160 points for projects. Students are also asked to complete four (4) drawings in their *Sketchbooks*. Each drawing is worth 25 points for a total of 100 points in sketchbook for the semester. Students will be asked to demonstrate knowledge and use of the Elements of Art and basic Color Theory.

Students will complete a 25-point open notebook quiz for both the *Elements of Art* and for *Using the Color Wheel*, for a total of 50 quiz points.

Total Points for Semester: 310 points.

Grade 6

Students in **grade 6** are asked to complete four (4) main projects for the semester. Each project is worth 40 points, a total of 160 points for projects. Students are also asked to complete four (4) drawings in their *Sketchbooks*. Each drawing is worth 25 points for a total of 100 points in sketchbook for the semester. Students will be asked to demonstrate knowledge and use of the Elements of Art and basic Color Theory.

Students will complete a 30-point quiz showing their knowledge of the *Elements of Art*. Students will also use the color wheel to complete a closed book quiz on basic Color Theory, for a total of 60 quiz points.

Total Points for Semester: 320 points.

Grade 7

Students in **grade 7** are asked to complete four (4) main projects for the semester. Two projects are worth 40 points and two are worth 50 points, for a total of 180 project points. Students are also asked to complete four (4) drawings in their *Sketchbooks*. Each drawing is worth 25 points for a total of 100 points in sketchbook for the semester. Students will be asked to demonstrate knowledge and use of the Principles of Art and basic Color Theory.

Students will complete a 30-point, open-notebook quiz showing their knowledge of the *Principles of Art*. Students will also use the color wheel to complete a closed book quiz on basic Color Theory, for a total of 60 quiz points.

Total Points for Semester: 320 points.

Grade 8: 2-Dimensional Art

Students in **grade 8, 2-D Art** are asked to complete three (3) main projects for the semester. All main projects are worth 50 points, for a total of 150 project points. Two projects may have prep drawing points or practice/exercise points, also (approx. 50 points). Students are also asked to complete four (4) drawings in their *Sketchbooks*. Each drawing is worth 25 points for a total of 100 points in sketchbook for the semester. Students will be asked to demonstrate knowledge and use of the Principles of Art and basic Color Theory for their projects.

Students will complete a 30-point, closed book quiz showing their knowledge of the *Principles of Art*. Students will also use the color wheel to complete a closed book quiz on basic Color Theory, *for a total of 60 quiz points*.

Total Points for Semester: 360 points.

Grade 8: 3-Dimensional Art

Students in **grade 8, 3-D Art (sculpture)** are asked to complete three (3) main projects for the semester. All main projects are worth 50 points, for a total of 150 project points. Two projects may have prep drawing points or practice/exercise points, also (approx. 50 points). Students are also asked to complete four (4) drawings in their *Sketchbooks*. Each drawing is worth 25 points for a total of 100 points in sketchbook for the semester. Students will be asked to demonstrate knowledge and use of the Principles of Art and basic Color Theory for their projects.

Students will complete a 30-point, closed book quiz showing their knowledge of the *Principles of Art*. Students will also use the color wheel to complete a closed book quiz on basic Color Theory, *for a total of 60 quiz points*.

Total Points for Semester: 360 points.

NOTE: Point totals listed above are approximate. Students work at different speeds and may need extra time for their level of ability. Because of that, it is possible we will not complete all main projects. In addition, it is also possible that groups will work quickly and excel so that we may do an additional project for the semester.

Late Work

Because student artists work at different rates, late project work will be accepted throughout the semester with up to 1 point taken off for lateness. Sketchbook drawings are accepted up to 3 weeks after the due date with no promise that it will be accepted unless the student has put time and care into the drawing. Sketchbook drawings lose 0.5 points for being 1 week late. They lose 1 full point if turned in after 1 week. Projects of any kind that are never turned in may be entered in Skyward as a “0”.