

Commercial Photography Syllabus

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome to Commercial Photography at Lake Dallas High School! This syllabus outlines the course plan for your child's class this semester, including key topics, expectations, and how you can support their success. As required by Texas law (Senate Bill 12), this document serves as the instructional plan and is available for your review. I look forward to working with you and your child!

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Course Overview (Instructional Plan)

This semester, your child will study the following topics in Commercial Photography, based on Texas state standards (TEKS):

1. Unit 1: What is Photography?

- Learning objectives: Students will develop a basic understanding of commercial photography and its history. (TEKS 11.A, 11.B, 11.C)
- Activities: Classroom discussions, Daily Work, Quizzes

2. Unit 2: Photography Ethics

- Learning objectives: Students will be able to develop a basic understanding of the ethics of photojournalism. (TEKS 5,8.B,8.D,8.E)
- Activities: Class Discussions, Daily work, Test

3. Unit 3: Meet the cameras

- Learning objectives: Students will learn about the inner workings of a camera and how to use it. (TEKS 11.B,)
- Activities: Clay cameras, worksheets

4. Unit 4: The Exposure Triangle

- Learning objectives: Students will be able to understand the Exposure Triangle and how it works to create the perfect photo. (TEKS 11.4)
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- Activities: Exposure Triangle test, Quizzes, Worksheets, Exposure Triangle Cheat Sheet, Exposure Triangle Project

5. Unit 5: Composition

- Learning objectives: Students will be able to compose a photograph given specific parameters. (TEKS 11.4)
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- Activities: Composition photographs, Composition Project, Composition Test

6. Additional Skills

- Interpersonal skills
- Example: Students will have to work together with other students in the classroom and outside of the classroom. They will have to interact with teachers they may not have or have had.

Thank you for supporting your child's education! Feel free to contact me with questions.

Sincerely,
Abby White