Trout Lake School
Middle School Art
Grades 7-8
2026-27

Supplies

Students should either provide the materials listed in the school supply list, or they can purchase them for $2.50. In either case, students will need a pencil case or other holder for their materials. All other needed materials will be provided. Students may elect to bring other personal materials of their own if they wish, but only those that would be helpful in completing the current assignment, as storage space is limited.

Objectives and Projects

The goal of this course is to offer a more in-depth look at the various techniques used in Visual Art. Students will learn about the relationship between the Elements and the Principles of Design. Students will learn about various historical examples of art. Students will create projects based on their imaginations as well as techniques found in the history of art. We will start to build digital portfolios and work on the critique process.

Expectations

Students will be present and ready to learn each day.
Students will respect themselves, others, and the work being made.
Students will use materials responsibly and safely.

Attendance and Participation

I do not assign homework. A reasonable amount of class time will be allotted for every assignment. Students who do not use their time well may find they need time outside of class to get projects finished. Many projects cannot go home due to materials and/or space. Time needed outside of class must be pre-arranged with me and can be done at lunch, or after school if it must be done in the Art Room. When a new project is assigned, students have 3 "out-of-class" days to complete it for full credit. **Work turned in after that will lose 10%. Incomplete assignments will be given reduced grades as well. After a full grade-check period, work will lose 40% credit, and only major projects will be accepted as late.** If there are extenuating circumstances, please arrange for a later turn-in date *before* the date the work is due. Work handed in without a name will lose points as well.

When students are absent, they will be responsible for making up the work missed. If absences are due to illness, materials will be made available during the absence, and possible adjustments to assignments may be made depending on the length of the absence. If the absence is due to appointments or other excused absences, the work missed can be collected

and completed upon return to school; time allowed will be in accordance with school policy. Deadlines for projects still apply.

Daily practice of "Professionalism" will be worth 10% of final semester grades. Please see the rubric in Google Classroom for more information on what is evaluated.

Grading

Final Projects: 50% Practice and Sketchbook: 40% Professionalism: 10%

Eating/Drinking

Eating is not allowed in class, but personal water bottles are encouraged. If you need to work at lunch, eat, and then come to the Art Room. Many art supplies should not be ingested, and hands covered with art materials should not be used for eating until washed. Eating can also create a mess on your artwork.

Electronic Devices and Music

Use of personal devices during class will be in violation of school policy as outlined in the student handbook.

We will not be using Chromebooks in class. Headphones should be left in backpacks or lockers.

Copyright and Plagiarism

All work turned in must be original and your own. Other artists' work and AI are vast and easy to access on the internet, but they are not there for you to copy. Likewise, you may not have another student finish your work. Work found to be copied will not receive credit.

Student Signature _____

Parent Signature _____