

Sinaloa Middle School
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ELECTIVE

"Beginning Studio Arts - Animation"

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Welcome to Sinaloa's ELECTIVE-ANIMATION program! There are many exciting assignments and projects planned this semester. We will concentrate on developing an appreciation of various types of animation in a "hands-on" approach. High standards of quality in work and effort will be emphasized, along with teamwork.

In order to support the cost of materials for special projects, we need to ask for help in the form of donations. The suggested amount is $20 per student in this semester class.

Donated funds are used to purchase special materials. Funds received will determine the projects done this semester.

Bring to Class Every Day:

PENCIL with ERASER
AGENDA BOOK
YOUR IMAGINATION!



Important Info on Projects & Grades:

PROJECTS: During the semester, students will be working on projects that will be stored on computers that I have purchased specially for this class, as well as on the school provided Chromebooks. It is important to understand that since this is a group activity class, the daily effort spent on projects in class comprises a high percent of their grade. (See info on back).

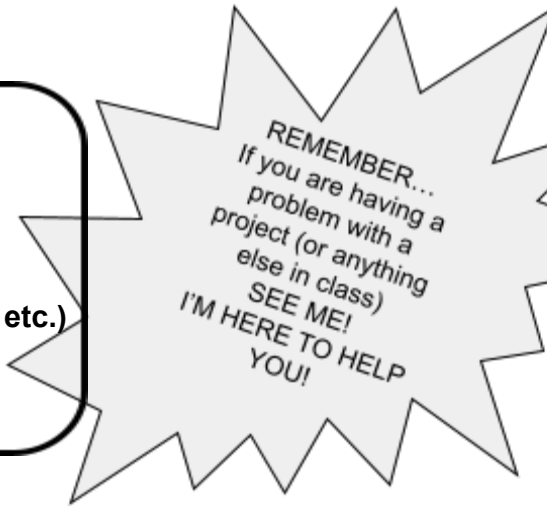
GRADES: Because we may spend up to 2-5 weeks on each project, it is likely that the semester grade will be based on only 2 to 4 large projects, as well as several small projects. For this reason, it is EXTREMELY IMPORTANT to be aware that a grade can change dramatically AFTER Progress Report time, or near the end of a quarter, even if only ONE assignment is missing! In addition, since a student can not finish a project outside of the class, it is extremely important that they are at school. **Participation is essential.**

Parents will be contacted as soon as possible if the student is in danger of failing, but it is the student's responsibility to contact me with makeup work. Points will be taken off for late work. It's a good idea to contact me by phone, e-mail, or through the agenda book if you have any questions, concerns, or just want to check up!

Grading:



FINAL GRADE IS AS FOLLOWS:
60% = PROJECTS
20% = PAPERWORK (Quizzes, storyboards, WS, writing prompts, etc.)
20% = CLASS PARTICIPATION
Daily Participation – 5 pts. per day, group work, etc.)



Since we do not have many grades, it is VERY IMPORTANT that projects be handed in ON TIME! If a project is NOT completed by the due date, it is the groups' responsibility to speak to me about an extension. Points will be taken off for lateness. This classroom is built on mutual respect and accountability, plagiarism of any kind will not be tolerated. Such offenses might include copying someone else's work (ex. remaking previously produced movies), cheating on a quiz, test, or assignment. Each student must put forth their best effort and abilities to complete assignments and tests so they may feel pride in their work.

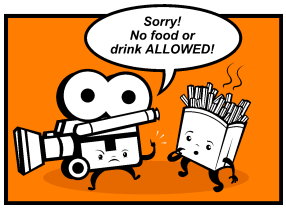
Class Rules / Student Responsibilities

IN OUR SCHOOL:
Sinaloa's **SABER CODE** is the foundation for behavior expectancies on our campus. This Code is meant to be embraced by the entire school by starting each day with a positive attitude to Achieve, Believe, Endure, Respect, and Succeed which covers attitudes toward school safety, respect, and learning. The standards for Citizenship grades and the School discipline policies are included in the Agenda Book.

IN THIS CLASSROOM:
Students are expected to get to class on time, be prepared with necessary materials, respect the expensive computers and equipment, and work on assigned tasks at all times. Since participation in this class is essential, every student receives 5 points every day they are in class. If a student is not following directions, misbehaving, or not on task, they will lose points accordingly (absent for any reason = 0 pts.).

In the ART ROOM, we are a "team"! There is much activity, and many supplies are being used! For this reason:

* All students will share in the maintenance of the Art Room.
* Class will be dismissed ONLY after room is clean, computers are shut down, covered, and materials are in order
* **Also, NO GUM, FOOD, or DRINKS (including water)!**





Absence & Tardy Policy

SCHOOL TARDY POLICY: On-time arrival at every class is a component of school citizenship (see the Agenda Book). More than 3 tardies to class each quarter will result in an "N" (Needs Improvement) Citizenship grade. More than 6 tardies to class will result in a "U" (Unsatisfactory) grade in Citizenship.

ABSENCE: Students who will be absent for 3 or more days should contact me regarding substitute work. Please call ahead, so I have time to prepare materials. Grades will not be affected for late work due to an excused absence.

Be sure to contact me with any questions or concerns!