



# South Texas Preparatory Academy

"Building a Legion of Learners"

## Course Outline: Art

**Instructor:** Mr. A. Cortez

**Art Room:** 205

**Conference:** A-2nd period: 9:55 am – 11:15 am

B-3rd period: 12:20 pm – 1:40 pm

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### Objective:

Students will gain an understanding and appreciation of art through knowledge of the elements of art and the principles of design. They will experience application in creating original artworks using various materials and media exploring the fields in, (but not limited to): Drawing, Painting, Sculpture, and Watercolor. The students will also engage in understanding the skills within art criticism, perception, creative performance, historical and cultural heritage, and critical evaluation. Which provide the expansive, unifying structures for organizing the (TEKS) Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills, students are expected to acquire. Students will rely on their perceptions of the environment, developed through increasing visual awareness and sensitivity to surroundings, memory, imagination, nature, life experiences, and observational studies in (color, value, lines, shapes / form, space, pattern, and textures) as a source for creating artworks.

The students will express their thoughts and ideas creatively, while challenging their imagination, and developing disciplined effort and problem-solving skills. Students will analyze artistic styles and various historical and contemporary Artists. In addition students will develop an understanding of knowledge and respect for the traditions and contributions of diverse cultures. Therefore, each student will contribute to the expansive art education, in fostering the development of lifelong skills throughout our changing diverse world.

### Supplies Needed:

- ✓ **(White)** Poster Board to be folded in half for Art Portfolio. **(Bring by Next Class meeting)**
- ✓ Spiral Sketch Book 9"x12" or 8.5" x 11" (*nothing smaller*)
- ✓ Always bring your school planner.
- ✓ No. 2 wood pencils (*always be prepared with a pencil - no mechanical pencils*)
- ✓ 2 rolls of paper towels.

### Sketchbook:

Students will be required to keep a sketchbook in order to continue developing their ideas, inspiration, observations, and artistic and creative skills. Most sketchbook assignments will require out of class homework.



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## **Art History:**

The student will gain knowledge of history through art works and diverse artists. This course gives a brief review from pre-historic to modern art.

## **Art Criticism:**

The student will gain appreciation of artists, research papers, critiques, and power-point presentations.

## **Formative Assessments:**

Assessments will be given in the form of student progress, sketches, discussions, art critiques, quizzes, and semester exams. The formative assessments are critical to learning because they provide feedback as to what essential learning we will focus on next.

## **Grading Procedures:**

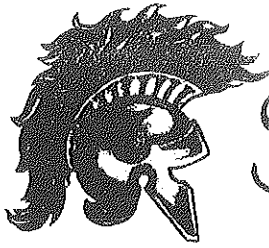
- Daily work and Sketchbook/ homework assignments are worth 20% of your grade.
- All Projects / Studio Work are 50% of your grade.
- The semester tests will count as 20% of the semester average.
- All quizzes will count as 10% of your grade.

## **Make – Up work:**

Student absent on the day work is due shall receive a due date for the assignment(s) on the day the student returns to class.

## **Borderline failing:**

If a student is failing with a 65% - 69%, they will be given the opportunity to be placed on a course contract. Student course contract work will only allow the student to receive an average of no higher than a 70%.



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## Art 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Course Summary

*Please keep the course outline for your reference and return this form to the instructor.*

**I have received a copy of this course outline, have been given the opportunity to ask questions, and understand the contents:**

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade Level: \_\_\_\_\_ Period: \_\_\_\_\_

(Print Name)

Art Instructor: Mr. A. Cortez

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Principal: Mrs. A. Castro

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent/Guardian Signature:**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Student Signature:**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**(Parent/ Guardian Information)**

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Any Parent comments / Concerns / Special instruction:

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