

John F. Kennedy Course Syllabus



Welcome to **Advanced Art**. To help you be successful in the year ahead, here are some answers to FAQs you may have about this upcoming year...

Q: What is Art 3-4P?

A: The official course title is Art 3 – 4 P. There is two semesters equaling 10 credits. These credits are used as elective units.

Art 3 – 4 is a yearlong advanced level course for students who have excelled in Art 1 – 2 and wish to further explore visual art. This course is designed to help students build up their portfolios for use in AP Studio Art, college acceptance, and/or job placement. You will have further experience in materials including pencil, colored pencil, charcoal, paint, collage, watercolor, oil pastel, chalk, ink, and printmaking.

Q: Who am I and how can we reach you?

A: I have been teaching for over fifteen years, from Kinder to correctional facilities, and this is my fifth year here at Kennedy. My career goal was always to become an Art teacher because my favorite class in high school was art, and the teacher was incredible. Now I can be that long term, positive memory for you. I have experience in every medium and cannot wait to share what I know. You, or your family, can reach me...

- Name of instructor: Benjamin Asa Teweles (pronounce tool-ees)
- Room number: F-3
- Telephone number: (916) 433-5200 x1603
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Q: Are there any course materials?

A: There are no individual copies of textbooks, though we will be using text in class during lectures called Exploring Visual Design and The Visual Experience. You will need to procure your own **sketchbook for homework ever week**. It must be 8 ½ x 11 inches with 100 sheets or more of white paper. *We now require a supply fee!* All art classes are asked to pay a \$12 fee which will be used to cover the cost of materials used to create the projects during this course.

Both the supply fee and the sketchbook can be purchased from me with **cash or check payable to John F. Kennedy High School**. You must have your own sketch book and pay the fee no later than the end of the second week of school. No one's grade will be affected by their inability to pay. If you cannot pay the supply fee due to financial reasons, please have your parent check the box on the signature slip. No fees will be refunded if student transfers.

Q: How will I be graded?

A: Grades are calculated on Infinite Campus; a total points system that weights the following criteria:

- Studio Projects 45%: We will be completing a series of art projects in where you will learn to apply various materials and techniques used in art. Expectations will be explicitly taught and each project is worth 100 pts.
- Sketchbooks 15%: You are required to complete a minimum of one sketch per week for homework. More sketches may be completed for extra credit. It is expected that each sketch take one or more hour to complete, and each sketch is worth 10 pts. You will need to complete all sketch requirements to receive an “A” in this course.
- Class Assignments 20%: These are much like any class requirement that expects participation. This could include sketches, notes, warm-ups, critiques, and practices. Participation on these activities could be worth 10 – 25 pts. each.
- Tests 20%: A test will be given at the end of each semester covering the major concepts, vocabulary, artists, and materials related to the course.

Q: What are the project related themes we will do this year?

A: Generally speaking this is the plan:

<p><u>Semester 1:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Principles of Design • Balance & Rhythm • Minimalism • Contour Lines/Printmaking • Abstraction • Found Objects/Poetry/Unity 	<p><u>Semester 2:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Surrealism • Portraiture/Composition • Patterns in Nature • Math Concepts • Contrast • Independent Art Project
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Q: What else do I need to know?

A: I adhere to all school and district policies pertaining to attendance, make-up tests, cheating/plagiarism, as well as withdrawal, incompletes, and final examination. Students are expected to be familiar with and adhere to these polices. Furthermore:

- The Principal and instructor reserve the right to modify and/or change the course syllabus as needed during the course.
- Studio projects are subject to display around the campus and community and may be entered in art competitions throughout the year. Projects will be returned to students before the conclusion of the school year. It is the responsibility of the students to take home their projects in a timely manner.
- All students are required to follow the class rules, including:
 - No food or drinks: sunflower seeds (or the like) will be immediate detention
 - No electronics of any kind or they will be confiscated
 - All students expected to act respectfully to everyone
 - The 3 B’s: **Be** on time. **Be** on task. **Be** polite.
 - Do not talk while the teacher is talking.



Art 3-4 and AP with Mr. Teweles

Please return this form to Mr. Teweles with your supply fee by the end of the second week of school. By signing this form you state that you have read/seen/heard and agree to the policies outlined in the course syllabus.

Student: Name _____ Signature _____ Period _____

Parent/Guardian: Name _____ Signature _____

- Supply fee enclosed (\$12 cash or check payable to John F. Kennedy High School). Students who wish to also purchase a sketch book make one payment of \$20.
- Please check here if you are unable to pay the supply fee. A donation in any amount is appreciated. Your student will continue to have access to all of the materials for this course and his/her grade will not be affected in any way.
- Will buy 3-ring binder or sketchbook.
- Other supplies that are recommended:

<input type="radio"/> Pocket Folder <input type="radio"/> Color Markers	<input type="radio"/> Sharpies-thick & thin <input type="radio"/> Color Pencils	<input type="radio"/> Glue-white & stick <input type="radio"/> Eraser
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