

John F. Kennedy Course Syllabus



Welcome to Art 1/2P. This is the beginning to your art experience at school. Not only do you fulfill a portion of elective requirements to graduate, but while having fun you will develop many life building skills. You don't have to know how to draw because **all you need to do is try**.

Here are some answers to FAQs you may have about this upcoming year...

Q: What is Art 1-2?

A: Art P is a one year course, consisting of Art 1 and Art 2. Art 1 is a prerequisite for Art 2. Art P (the entire year) is a prerequisite for any advanced courses in art, for example; advanced art, architecture, engineering, or teaching. This course emphasizes primarily on the elements of art, and it covers a wide field of basic skills in composition, color theory, illustration, design, drawing, figure drawing, painting and perspective. Students will also participate in critiques, presentations, and conceptual understanding through group discussions. There will be outside work expected along with some research and a portfolio presentation as a final.

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

A: I have been teaching for over a decade from Kinder to correctional facilities, however prior to my tenure here I taught mainly fourth, fifth and sixth grades. Because of this primary background I strongly believe in including literacy requirements along with the art curriculum. My career goal was always to become an Art teacher because my favorite class in high school was art, and the teacher was incredible. I am going on my 7th year here and hopefully 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 (pronounced tool-ees)
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Q: Are there any course materials?

A: There are no individual copies of textbooks, though we will be using a text in class during lectures called Exploring Visual Design. You will need to procure your own **sketchbook for homework ever week**. *We now require a supply fee!* Beginning art classes are asked to pay an \$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.

Starting this year, 2014, I would prefer students by a ½ inch binder as their sketchbook. I require that all assignments and textbook work be inside this binder and I can provide some blank paper for sketches. **You will need to bring your sketchbook to every class.**

Q: How will I be graded?

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

- 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%: There quizzes to check for understanding throughout the year, and 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's 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"> • Unit One: Line & Texture • Unit Two: Space, Shape, & Form • Unit Three: Drawing Techniques • Unit Four: Figure Drawing • Unit Five: Value 	<p><u>Semester 2:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unit Six: Color Theory <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Color Wheel ○ Pop Art & Fauvism ○ Pointillism • Unit Seven: Perspective
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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.**
 - Participate in all class activities in a self-motivating way.
 - **F.D.F.T.A. - Follow Directions First Time Asked**

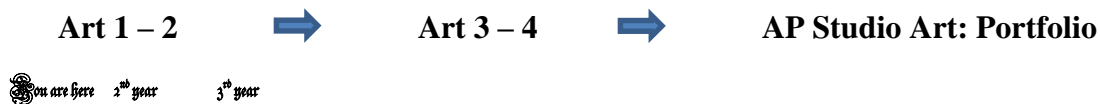
Q: What are the California State Standards for Art?

A: The California Content Standards for Visual Arts, Grades 9-12, Proficient are:

- 1.0 Artistic Perception: Students perceive and respond to works of art, objects in nature, events, and the environment. They also use the vocabulary of the visual arts to express their observations.
- 2.0 Creative Expression: Students apply artistic processes and skills, using a variety of media to communicate meaning and intent in original works of art.
- 3.0 Historical and Cultural Context: Students analyze the role and development of the visual arts in past and present cultures throughout the world, noting human diversity as it relates to the visual arts and artists.
- 4.0 Aesthetic Valuing: Students analyze, assess, and derive meaning from works of art, including their own, according to the elements of art, and the principles of design, and aesthetic qualities.
- 5.0 Connections, Relationships, and Applications: Students apply what they learn in the visual arts across subject areas. They develop competencies and creative skills in problem solving, communication, and management of time and resources that can tribute to lifelong learning and career skills. They also learn about careers in and related to the visual arts.

Q: Where can I go from here?

A: Your art education doesn't have to stop here!



**I look forward to a great year of Art with you!
Expect to try new things, to think outside the box,
to learn a ton, and have some fun along the way!**



Art 1-2P 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 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 for 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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- Instead of a supply fee and the cost of a sketchbook for homework it would help with the expenses of this art class if you could provide the following:

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- Supply fee enclosed (\$8 cash or check payable to John F. Kennedy High School). Students who wish to also purchase a sketch book make one payment of \$16.
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