

The Lois Cowles Harrison Center for the Visual and Performing Arts

Visual Arts Department

2021-2022

PARENTS

In an effort to help our department run smoothly and efficiently we will need your help!

1. There is a supply fee of \$40 per student and it is due by Friday, September 3rd. Please make checks payable to the Harrison School for the Arts, VA Dept.

2. We encourage students to attend visual art receptions as part of our curriculum.

The dates are as follows:

August 31 AP Celebration

October 14 Student Exhibition

November 30th Grade Invitational

February 7th Sister Cities

February 22nd Senior Showcase at the PMoA

March 3rd Student Exhibition

April 21 Student Exhibition

The receptions (except at the PMoA) are from 6-7 P.M.

PARENTS AND STUDENTS

Rules and Regulations

1. Tardiness is defined as the following: a. Students must be in the classroom and ready for class by the time the bell rings. Tardiness will be reprimanded as outlined below:

a. 1st Tardy results in Student Warning b. 2nd Tardy results in parent contact by email, phone, or letter

c. 3rd Tardy results in Detention assigned by teacher d. Subsequent tardies result in additional discipline and referral is issued

ATTENDANCE

1. Visual Arts is a lab class and therefore class participation is essential for student growth. 2. In the event of a student absence, it is the student's responsibility to ask for makeup work. Please see Code of Conduct concerning absences.

CLASSROOM ETIQUETTE

2. The VA classroom is a shared work space and it is important that each student helps to maintain an organized, clean workspace. The last 15 minutes of your time at Harrison should be dedicated to cleaning all tools after use and returning materials to their proper place.
3. Responsible use of all materials is expected. Proper handling of tools is part of our curriculum and it is expected that students adhere to these procedures. Graffiti is allowed on paper or pre-approved surfaces only.
4. We try to make our classroom a comfortable space for students to feel at home. A positive attitude on the part of all students and respect for teachers and peers helps to make this possible.
5. Digital SLR cameras are available for student check out. The proper forms must be signed by both student and parent before this can happen. The forms are on the website and should be printed, signed and returned to Mr. Hall.

CLASSROOM PROCEDURES

1. Bring all required materials for class which includes your flash-drive and SD card. Coming to class unprepared will hinder student progress. Recurring instances are considered insubordination and the student will be given a referral to Mr. Levine.
2. Respect all classroom rules concerning etiquette. This applies to using cell phones without permission, talking at inappropriate times or leaving the room without asking for permission.
3. Maintaining a clear record of your artistic progress is very important. Digital documentation and careful handling of original works is crucial.
4. No gum, food, drinks (other than water in a clear container) is allowed at Harrison.
5. No grooming in class.
6. Due to the nature of a visual arts class, students sometimes must work on their own. You may not under any circumstances leave the assigned work area. You must remain on task. If an instructor comes in and you are not working, it may negatively impact your grade.
7. Pick up after yourself. Articles left lying around for more than a week will be discarded.
8. Screaming, yelling and loud behavior are not permitted in the hallways or classrooms.
9. Students must choose either the Harrison lunch area of the Lakeland High School cafeteria for lunch. Students are not allowed to stay in the building during lunch time!!

10. If a student wishes to stay in the art room during lunch they must ask permission PRIOR to lunch!!

Do not assume that it is okay to stay in the classroom.

GRADING

1. Assignments are evaluated based on a set of criteria or learning goals. If a student has any questions about their grade they are welcome to discuss it with instructors.
2. Students are encouraged to rework assignments that have earned a low grade in order to earn a higher grade. (Just be sure to keep up with new in class work)
3. Meeting deadlines is an integral part of a career in the arts and it is equally important in our classes. As stated above, you may rework an assignment for a higher grade after turning it in on time.
4. Late work will result in a lower grade. Each day late lowers the grade by ten percent.
5. In the event of a student absence, it is the student's responsibility to ask for makeup work. Excused absences will result in some extended time on deadlines. Please see Code of Conduct concerning absences.

ARTISTIC PROBATION

Your responsibility as an art student is to grow artistically and to meet the requirements of the program.

A student will automatically be placed on Artistic Probation when his/her art grade reaches a "D".

Once placed on probation, students will have one semester to show improvement. After this period, the instructors and the administration will determine if student has shown sufficient improvement to be fully reinstated, face further correction or be removed from the program.