



Name of School: **Davenport High Schools**

Name of Course: **Art Foundations (118921)**

### **Instructor Information**

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Best Time: ½ hour before and after school

### **Course Description**

This course is a general survey of the visual arts. It will provide a variety of studio experiences in such areas as drawing, painting, ceramics and mixed media. The course will deal with the elements of art, principles of design, and the history of art.

### **District Standards and Power Benchmarks**

#### **Visual Arts Standard:**

Students will understand, produce and value visual art

#### **Power Benchmark:**

Students will process, analyze and respond to sensory information through the language and skills unique to the visual arts. (Artistic Perception)

Students will use media, techniques, and processes to communicate ideas, experiences, feelings, and stories. (Creative Process)

Students will understand the historical contributions and cultural dimensions of the visual arts. (History and Culture)

Students will respond to, analyze, and make judgments about works in the visual arts. (Art Criticism)

#### **National Standards:**

Understanding and applying media, techniques, and processes

Using knowledge of structures (e.g. sensory qualities, organizational principles, expressive features) and functions of art

Choosing and evaluating a range of subject matter, symbols, and ideas

Understanding the visual arts in relation to history and cultures

Reflecting upon and assessing the characteristics and merits of their work and the work of others

Making connections between visual arts and other disciplines

**Course Information**

Course Length: One term

Elective Course

.5 credits awarded (.25 per quarter at Kimberly Center East)

No prerequisite

**Course Outline/Calendar**

List of Units:

Unit 1 – Introduction to Art

Chapter 1 – Elements of Art

Chapter 2 – Principles of Art

Chapter 3 – History of Art

Unit 2 – Two Dimensional Art

Chapter 1 – Drawing

Chapter 2 – Painting

Chapter 3 – Mixed Media

Unit 3 – Three Dimensional Art

Chapter 1 – Sculpture

Chapter 2 – Mixed Media

Unit 4 – Self Assessment

Chapter 1 – Critique & Evaluation

Chapter 2 – Presentation & Display

**Text/Other Required Materials/Resources**

Text: Exploring Drawing, DAVIS PUBLICATION, Inc. Copyright 1995.

Exploring Painting (revised edition), DAVIS PUBLICATION, Inc. Copyright 1995.

Required Materials: None

Resources: art prints, student work, color wheel, Elements of Art poster, Principles of Design poster, museums, guest artists, printed material, internet sources, A/V media, Students' and teacher past examples, and articles

**Instructional Procedures & Support**

- Cooperative learning, hands on lab work, and lecture.
- Note taking, compare and contrast, higher order thinking skills, and critiquing.
- Listening to directions, completing projects, classroom participation.
- Homework expectations – meet assignment deadlines.
- Make-up work - Before and after school or at home if applicable.
- All make-up work is due by Mid-term and before finals.
- Students are encouraged to ask questions during class, before and after school and peer tutoring.

**Classroom Management Procedures**

Students are expected to follow the policies set forth in the student handbook. Student handbooks are the only admissible hall passes. Students are expected to comply with all classroom safety procedures.

**Davenport Community Schools K-12 Visual Arts Guidelines**

Student Artwork shall not depict these items:

**Criminal Acts**

**Tobacco, Liquor, and Controlled Substances**

**Assaults & Threats to Others**

**Gang Activities or Symbols/Paraphernalia**

**Weapons**

**See Davenport School Board Policy 504.01**

**<http://www.davenport.k12.ia.us/schoolboard/bpolicy/504.as>**

**Assessment Plan**

Projects are graded using the following criteria: aesthetic content, craftsmanship, effort, and following directions. Students will be encouraged to enter into the evaluation process by using rubrics and standard critique procedures using Elements and Principles of Art.

Progress reports will be distributed to communicate course standings.

A final assessment activity will be utilized to evaluate student's level of proficiency.

A presentation and critique will be required, to bring closure to the student's final assessment activity during the time allotted for course finals.

**Grading System**

Following the Davenport Community School District Guidelines, the grading scale is as follows:

90-100% A

80-89% B

70-79% C

60-69% D

59-Below F