

Thomas Jefferson High School

Visual Arts Classes

To: Parents with Students Enrolled in Visual Arts Classes
From: Leonard Fox, Art Instructor
Date: 2014-2015

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself to you and share some basic information about the class in which your student is enrolled. My name is Leonard Fox. I began my teaching career at Morey Middle School 28 years ago. I have served the district in many different capacities. I have 20 years as a classroom teacher, four years as the President of the Denver Classroom Teachers Association, and four years as a building Administrator. I am very excited to be a member of the TJ staff and I am looking forward to working with your Student.

Course Descriptions: The art classes are structured by levels. Level 1 will focus on understanding the fundamentals of visual arts through the use of the art elements and principles of design. Level 2 will focus on art history and different cultures from around the world. Level 3 will focus on 3 - Dimensional design and mixed media. Level 4 will focus on pre – AP art skills and exhibitions. AP studio class will focus on meeting the requirements of the AP exam. Art literacy will be a component of every level. It will include art vocabulary, short constructed responses and art history activities. **Complete class syllabus are posted on the TJ web site**

Class Fee: There is a ten-dollar (**\$10.00**) art fee **each semester** your student participates in an art class. The fee will be used to buy art supplies. Please pay the fee during the first three weeks of each semester.

Grading Policy: Each assignment will be designed to expose the students to as many of the 8 state visual art standards as appropriate. With the type and number of assignments given in my art class, your student will have ample opportunity to demonstrate proficiency in every art standard. **On the backside is a generic sample of an assignment rubric.**

Grading Scale

90 - 100 = A
89 – 80 = B
79 – 70 = C
69 – 60 = D
59 – 0 = F

Homework: Classes are designed for most of the work to be completed during class time. Assignments not completed by the due date may be taken home and completed as homework. Some art history activities may be assigned as homework. Due to the number of required assignments that must be completed by AP students, one assignment will be completed in class and a separate assignment must be completed as homework.

Make up Work: It is the student's responsibility to make up any work missed. Make up work can be done at home, during lunch or after school. Because of occasional meetings that I may attend, it is advisable for the student to check ahead of time to ensure I am available during lunch or after school.

Attendance Policy and Rules: The Thomas Jefferson High School Attendance Policy and school rules will be strictly adhered to. Check your student handbook for these policies.

Please feel free to e-mail or call me if there are any questions or concerns. I can be reached best by e-mail at leonard_fox@dpsk12.org or leave a message at 720-423-7110 and I will return your call.

Please sign, tear off and return the bottom of this letter

TJ Visual Arts Class

Please return to Mr. Fox, Rm. 31

Student Name _____

Parent / Guardian Signature _____ Date _____