Photography Syllabus

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**Essential Questions (What we will ask ourselves throughout the class):**

1. Why are photographs art?

2. Are all photographs art?

3. What choices can I make with my photographs to express myself to the viewer?

4. Technically, how do I create a successful photograph?

**Content (What are we going to learn?):**

How cameras work

Digital Photography vocabulary

History of Photography

Composition and seeing the scene around you

Camera angles and focal length

Conceptual photography

Photography installations and other art forms

Commercial photography

Digital photography

Personal expression

Visual problem solving

How to participate in a critique

**Outcomes (What we will be able to do?):**

Make conscious choices that communicate ideas in our photographs

Demonstrate proficiency in using a digital camera and digital editing software

Use and maintain photographic equipment

Solve visual problems creatively

Participate constructively in critiques

**Assessments (What things will I be graded on?):**

Photographs (turned in digitally)

Written assignments

Artists’ statements

Digital skills assignments

In-class projects

Final project

Critiques

Participation

**Grading Criteria (What is our grade based on?):**

Level of Self-Challenge

Content and Communication of work

Ability to meet deadlines

Effort and attitude

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**Rules and Procedures:**

1. Come to class prepared and on time! - Please have

a pencil, your sketchbook, and a flashdrive every day.

2. Be Kind! - Cheating, stealing, and fighting is not

acceptable. Also, please refrain from using abusive or

offensive language.

3. Follow Directions! - Be sure to pay attention to

deadlines and all project requirements.

4. Respect Yourself! - Allow yourself time to learn and

grow as a photographer and artist, forgive yourself for

mistakes, and do not take or produce pictures of a

“questionable nature” (If you wouldn’t show it to your

parents or a principal, don’t do it.)

5. Use Cell Phones Appropriately! - You will occasionally

use your cell phone for a class assignment, but it will

not involve texting, games, or Snapchat!

6. Do Your Part! - Let’s be sure to take care of our photo equipment and computers!