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!