

8th Grade Comprehensive Syllabus/Student Handbook

VA Comp is a year-long course offered to talented Visual Arts students in 8th grade. Upon completion of the course requirements, including the digital portfolio, students have an opportunity to earn a high school course credit in Visual Art, enabling students to advance to higher level courses starting in 9th grade.

INSTRUCTIONAL EMPHASIS:

The Georgia Visual Arts Standards are divided into the following areas;

- Meaning & Creative Thinking (sketchbook & planning documents) 20% *(must have sketchbook)
- Contextual Understanding (art history) 15%
- Production & Response (production) Main Projects Summative Projects 40%
- Assessment and Reflection (aesthetic response & critique) 15%
- Connections (art careers, Common Core & life skills) 10%

Student growth will be measured by either SLO or Davis Drawing Assessment

COURSE OVERVIEW:

VA COMP is a year-long course with an emphasis on fundamental art skills. This course is designed to prepare the student for more advanced studies of art at the high school level. Correct completion of all required components will result in receipt of high school credit for VA COMP, a prerequisite course for all advanced visual arts classes. Students receiving high school credit will be able to enroll directly in studio courses at the start of their freshman year. i.e, Drawing, Painting, Ceramics.

Course website: <http://daniellstudentart.weebly.com> Mrs. Hawkins' email: cara.hawkins@cobbk12.org

- **REQUIRED COMPONENTS FOR H.S. CREDIT:**

In order to receive high school credit for the completion of VA COMP, students must maintain a B (80%) average. Students who receive below an 80% on a 6 week progress report will be put on probation and have until the end of the following 6 weeks to raise their grade or be removed from the course.

- Students will earn additional county-wide credits through the completion of teacher-guided units which will result in the creation of the following required elements:
- **60 minutes per week outside of class drawing/art-making** (total of 2,000 minutes), this can be done at home or in Art Club. Students should maintain a **sketchbook/journal AND altered book**
- Student created and maintained **DIGITAL PORTFOLIO*** demonstrating student's technical and expressive skills in a variety of media. **All students will turn in projects by submitting via their websites before receiving a grade. ***
- Participation in 2 **Common Core performance tasks** (1 per semester). These tasks will be submitted online and be assessed at the county-level.
- **EXTRA SUPPORT/TUTORING:**
Depending on the pace at which each student works, some students may need extra time to complete assignments for some projects. As students need more time, a morning and afternoon work studio session will be identified. **REMIND 101** Please text **@84a3g** to **81010** for reminders, updates and important messages from Mrs. Hawkins.

ART CLUB:

As part of the required components for H.S. credit, students must complete 60 minutes of studio work outside of the classroom. This time can be logged at home or after school during Art Club. Art Club will meet **EVERY Tuesday unless otherwise noted from 8:15- 8:50 am.**

REQUIRED MATERIALS:

Each student is **required** to have the following supplies. They must have these materials with them every day to receive full credit for Classwork and Sketchbook assignments:

Sketchbook-Spiral bound or Hard-covered book bound are best. Please do not purchase a sketchbook that pages fall out of easily. These need to be used all year or at least for one of the two semesters providing another for the remainder of the year.

Wooden pencils and erasers

Black Sharpies 4-6 fine point & 2-4 extra fine point

SUGGESTED SUPPLIES:

Quality Colored Pencils –PrismaColors are best. They also offer Prisma-Scholar which are perfect for students and a little less expensive. (look for a coupon from Michael's, Hobby Lobby or Joann's for sales or a40-50% off)

Students may provide a container to keep their personal supplies in, like a clear plastic shoe box or recycled container and a large portfolio (18 x 24 or larger) to fit student artwork. I have some other storage ideas.

Students need to have access to a **digital camera** or phone with camera capabilities and a **personal flash drive**. Website Creation is an important component to this course. While we do much of the website work at school, students will benefit from having opportunities outside of school to update and refine their digital portfolios.

*******Please label all containers and supplies with Sharpie.*******

Class Wish-List:

If you have any extra of the following that you would like to donate to our class, it would be GREATLY appreciated:

- Sharpies (any size or color)
- Markers, colored pencils or crayons
- Fabric scraps/ yarn
- Scrap wood or building blocks
- Tissues
- Paper Towels
- Hand Sanitizer
- Antibacterial wipes or baby wipes

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