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# VISUAL ARTS

The "EARTH" without "ART" is just "EH"

Welcome to art!  
Here is some  
stuff you will  
need to know!



## Course description

Visual Arts at VCMS is a nine week course in which students have the opportunity to explore a variety of art mediums such as pencil, chalk, paint and clay to produce artwork in two and three dimensional form in a studio environment. Students will learn “**ARTISTIC HABITS**” to become creative thinkers and problem solvers. Students will be offered many choices to create expressive and well organized works of art!

## What are artistic habits?

There are many things that artists do when they are creating great artwork. We will **Stretch & Explore** as we learn how to use new tools and materials. We will **Develop Craft** as we practice those skills and learn to clean up and care for things. To **Express** the world around them, artists must **Observe** carefully. So we will look at real things to draw and make art that shows our feelings and dreams. We will **Engage & Persist**, by not quitting when things get difficult. Finally, we will **Reflect** on our work to understand what we learned and to see what we can improve upon in the future.

## Will we have homework?

Students will not have homework unless he/she fall behind with classwork or sketches. Students are expected to make up missed work from absences. Please make arrangements with me if additional materials are needed

## Supplies

### Required every day

- Sharpened **pencils** (more than ONE is a good idea)
- An **eraser**
- A 8.5”x11” spiral bound **sketchbook** (sketchbooks will be sold in class for \$5 or can be purchased outside of class). Sketchbook should be **NO LARGER THAN 9x12** and **MUST** be **SPIRAL BOUND**.



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**Optional materials:**  
 Sharpie Marker, Glue Stick,  
 Blending Stump



### Grading procedures

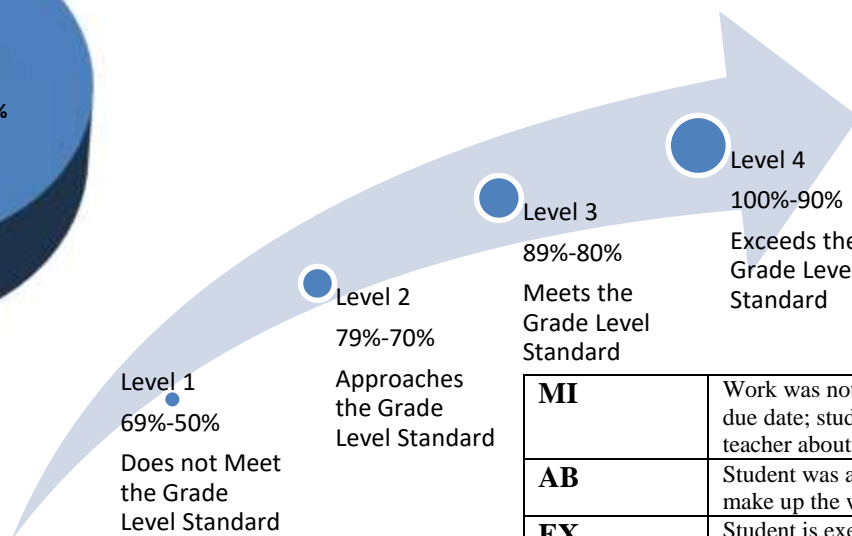
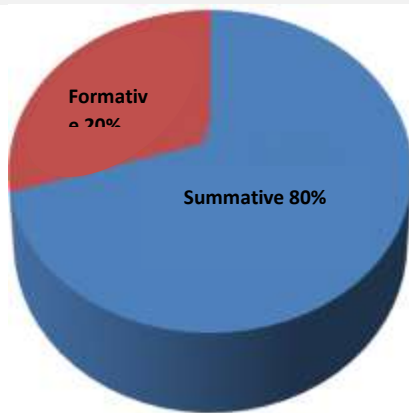
Each unit will include new techniques, new skills and new vocabulary. Students will be required to **DEMONSTRATE** their learning in **FORMATIVE (20%)** activities, including sketchbook assignments, daily warm-ups, practice activities, rough drafts and daily participation and **SUMMATIVE (80%)** assessments which include long term projects and final draft creations. These activities and assessments will be aligned with state standards of learning visual arts. The objective of each assignment will be stated at the beginning of each assignment so students will know the expectations for the finished product. Summative work will be scored on a level system. Students have the opportunity to redo Summative work to improve their grade.

### Work habits reporting on report cards

Students will receive a mark of 1, 2 or 3 for their academic work habits. Please see our website for specific information regarding Work Habits expectations.

### Its learning

Students are expected to check ItsLearning daily. After selecting the desired teacher's planner, they will be able to see the lessons for that course. Each lesson will show a title, date and lesson outline. If resources or activities are included, those will be linked.



<b>MI</b>	Work was not turned in by the due date; student may talk to teacher about makeup options.
<b>AB</b>	Student was absent and <b>MUST</b> make up the work.
<b>EX</b>	Student is exempt from doing this work.