

Heritage High School - Design 1

Grade Level: 9-12



Ms. Laurie A. Laprade

Dear Parent or Guardian,

My name is Ms. Laurie Laprade, and I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself to you. I am looking forward to teaching your child this semester in the “**Design 1**” class. This course offers experimentation with various media while students consider the fundamental design elements and principles. Students will be encouraged to solve visual problems and design issues in a unique way as they move through the course. Projects will include book covers, CD packaging, food packaging, fashion and posters. The course will also highlight various career options for students who are interested in a career that focuses on design.

I would hope that you would impress upon your child that good attendance, excellent conduct, and positive attitude are necessary for success in my course as well as their other classes. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me by email. I welcome your interest in the progress your child is making and I will contact you promptly if problems arise. Please read through the online material, sign the appropriate page and have your child return it to me.

Thank You,

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Course Description

Grade level: 9-12

Length: Term Class (10 credits)

Graduation: Fulfills Fine Art credit and Elective credit

College Prep : A-G approved

CTE: (Arts, Media, and Entertainment Industry Sector)

A course for beginning design students, Design 1 is a prerequisite for the Fine Arts and Digital Arts Pathways in the Engineering Technology Academy. Students will explore various design fields through a variety of projects, while learning to manipulate the elements and principles of design to create fresh, bold approaches to various design issues. Graphics, fashion, interior and product design problems will be investigated.

Expectations for Students

Students are expected to be on time to class and in their seats when the bell rings. Attendance is extremely important. These projects are difficult to make up at home without direction from the teacher, proper materials and equipment. In the event of an excused absence (sick), students will be allowed 4 days to make up work. Students who have been absent due to suspension or cutting class will have the opportunity to discuss the possibility of make-up work. (I will hear you out.) However, I reserve the right to say no. Students should use class time, wisely. I give adequate time for projects and expect completion by the due date. Please come prepared to work with a positive attitude and a pencil. **I will call home if your grade slips to a D or F.**

Grading

Student grades will be based on their completion of assigned projects, test scores, written assignments and participation. Specific criteria for each assignment can be found on the rubrics used to assess student work. Letter grades are derived from the following percentages:

97-100% = A+	87-89% = B+	77-79% = C+	67-69% = D+	Below 60% = F
96-93% = A	83-86% = B	73-76% = C	63-66% = D	
92-90% = A-	80-82% = B-	70-72% = C-	60-62% = D-	

Art Room Rules

#1. RESPECT

Your classmates (Be kind, considerate and helpful.) Do not touch another student's work. (LISTEN when others are speaking.)

Your Teacher (Listen when I am talking, follow instructions, etc.)

Yourself (Dress appropriately, act accordingly, use appropriate language, you are making an impression.)

Classroom materials (Use materials appropriately, clean up, ask to use tools and supplies before you touch or take.)

#2. FOLLOW SCHOOL POLICY

The same rules apply in this room. No electronic devices. No gum, candy, soda or food in class. ETC... **(Food will be confiscated and thrown out.)**

#3. MISCELLANEOUS

You are allowed two **bathroom passes** per quarter.

You are not allowed to touch the computer(s) without permission.

Consequences

Students who do not adhere to school and classroom policy can expect consequences.

1st offense: Warning

2nd offense: 15 minutes detention (Cleaning jobs will be assigned.) If you "forget" to show, detention will be 30 minutes the next available day. (I will call home.)

3rd offense: Referral to administration and a call to parents.

Please understand school is a place where learning needs to be the primary focus. Rules must be observed so that kids will be able to enjoy a safe, secure environment where they can be challenged to excel. **I will bypass the "mini detentions" if an offense is severe and/or disrupts the classroom activities.**

Please sign and return the next page...

I have read, understand and agree to all the above rules, consequences, and expectations.

Period: _____

Print Student Name

Student Signature

Print Parent/Guardian Name

Parent Signature

Best Method of Contact: _____

Student Email: _____

Parent/Guardian Email: _____

In an effort to save paper, I have posted the entire syllabus online. (Heritage High...click the Teacher Tab...click Laurie Laprade...click syllabi and parent letters).