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## Rotations



The 6<sup>th</sup> grade rotations class is broken into two content areas of Computer Applications first semester and Art second semester.

#### COMPUTER APPLICATIONS

This Computer Applications course gives students an opportunity to explore and utilize the ever-evolving 21st Century technology skills with confidence. The course is designed to encourage and enable students to feel comfortable using computer applications that will benefit them now and in the future. Using a problem-based learning approach, students are engaged in interdisciplinary activities that are meaningful and authentic.

#### **ART**

The middle school art program provides an integrated sequence of art instruction and experiences intended to instill in each student the skills and information needed to ensure a lasting appreciation of the importance of art in our lives. This course will teach students a variety of practical skills such as drawing, art history, elements, perspective, color theory, and sculpture.

#### What to Expect Each Day

**Attendance:** getting to class on time is important. The more time you spend in class, the more I can teach you!

Bell Ringer: start the assigned task by looking at the board in the classroom

Participation: as your active participation in lessons will greatly impact your learning, I expect you to be fully engaged. I will ensure that all lessons are engaging, safe, and enjoyable.

Work: Assigned tasks will be available for students to work on during class time. I typically allow students more than one day to complete each task during class time, and if students do not use their time wisely, they need to complete them at home.

### **Late Work Policy**

Late work should be submitted within one week of the due date/absence. Please notify me on Teams/email once the work has been submitted. In the event you are absent from class. I expect that you will come in before, during advisor, or after school to communicate with me. Turning in assignments on time is incredibly important for both the student and teacher. Not only does it allow the teacher to provide timely feedback, but it also gives the student the opportunity to decide if they would like to redo for a better grade. By submitting assignments on time, students can ensure that they are taking full advantage of the opportunity to learn from their mistakes and improve their understanding of the subject. Furthermore, submitting assignments on time helps create a sense of responsibility and discipline, which can be beneficial both in the classroom and beyond.

#### **Grading**

- Grading will be calculated on a point system for each task assigned. Most tasks will have a rubric as a guide to explain the grading on a given assignment.
- <u>All</u> assignments will be posted in Teams. You will need to read the directions carefully and complete all attachments by the due date.
- If you need an extension you must communicate with me!
- From the time it is graded, students have one week to redo.
- All the work we do in class matters! I want you always to give your best efforts. It may become homework if you were absent or need more time to finish a classroom task. Remember, everyone works at a different pace and some students need a bit more time.



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# Grade Percent A 90-100 B 80-89 C 70-79

60-69

0-59

**Grading Scale** 

#### **How to Be Successful**

	Cooperative students:	Respectful students:	Achievers:
Classroom	<ul> <li>Are in their seat by the bell</li> <li>Follow directions</li> <li>Are prepared for class</li> </ul>	<ul><li>Help others</li><li>Show empathy</li><li>Allow others to learn</li></ul>	<ul> <li>Complete work on time</li> <li>Do their best</li> <li>Advocate for themselves</li> </ul>
Technology	<ul> <li>Use technology when given permission</li> <li>Put technology away when asked</li> <li>Plug in technology when finished</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Are responsible for their own devices</li> <li>Are kind when communicating with others</li> <li>Use only their device</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Use technology to enhance learning</li> <li>Understand technology is for educational purposes</li> <li>Search appropriate sites</li> </ul>



#### **Policy Information:**

Detailed policy information can be found in the school handbook. Here are a few key points.

- When possible, notify teachers ahead of time about planned absences. Whether planned or unplanned, it is your responsibility to find out what you missed and catch up as quickly as possible. To schedule an absence please call (406) 324-2802
- Students will not be allowed to use the cellphones during class unless granted permission by the teacher.
- You get out of every class period what you put into it. Do your best to come in with a good attitude and together we will have great year!

#### SYLLABUS ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

I acknowledge that I have read and understand the syllabus for Mr. West for the 2023-2024 school year. A copy of this syllabus is located on th
district website

Parent/Guardian Name:	Parent/Guardian Signature:
Student Name:	_Student Signature: