

General Art Grading Policy

Two separate grades will be given in Art: an individual achievement grade and a citizenship grade.

The following grading scale will be used for achievement:

90-100	A
80-89	B
70-79	C
60-69	D
50-59	F

Achievement

Two categories make up the achievement grade. These categories are weighted equally.

Art projects, quizzes, tests: 50%

Students will complete approximately 9 projects during the quarter. Criteria for each project will be posted in the classroom and/or on a handout. Projects and criteria are tied to the National and Arizona Visual Arts Standards.

Note: I will not give a grade lower than 50% on any art project. My rationale for this policy is that I feel it is too difficult to recover from a zero when there are only a limited number of projects in the quarter. However, if a student chooses to simply not do an assignment a zero will be given.

Students will not be graded on artistic ability.

Daily Participation: 50%

Students should be working on something at all times during art class. Those who finish early should be working in their sketchbooks or working on an ongoing project kept in their portfolio. **Students who spend class time socializing will lose participation points.**

Citizenship

The following grading scale will be used for citizenship grades:

E	Exceeds the standards
S	Standards met
N	Needs improvement
U	Unsatisfactory

All middle school art students start with an "S" in citizenship. Grades will be adjusted up or down depending on each student's behavior and attitude.

Additional Information

Materials Needed:

All students are asked to bring to each class one fine point black Sharpie marker and one ultra-fine point black Sharpie or black Sharpie Pen. These items are due by Friday of the first week of class. If you are unable to provide these items for your child, please email me at tracy.grace@dvusd.org.

Absences:

Students are expected to make up work missed in class. Students are welcome to make arrangements with me to come in before or after school as well as lunch recess. Special arrangements can be made to check out materials if needed. Students missing several days in a row may be excused from a project.

Extra Credit:

Extra credit can be earned to bring up a grade. Students must come up with their own idea and present it to me beforehand. Students interested in earning extra credit should see me no later than 2 weeks before the end of the quarter.

Portfolio:

Students will bring home completed artwork at the end of the quarter. One piece may be selected to exhibit in the spring art show.

Assessment:

Criteria for each project will be posted in the art room or on a handout. A generic rubric will be used to assess criteria met, effort, effective use of class time and craftsmanship. A sample of the art rubric is posted on my website.



I have read through the Art Grading Policy and understand the requirements. Please sign and date this portion and return to school by _____. **This is a 25 point assignment.**

Student Signature: _____

Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____

Parent Email: _____

Parent Phone: _____

