



Pocono Mountain School District

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Advanced Placement Studio Art 2-D Summer Assignments

Dear AP Studio Art 2-D Student:

Congratulations on your enrollment in the Advanced Placement (AP) Studio Art 2-D course. AP Studio Art 2-D is designed for students who are seriously interested in the practical experience of art. The AP program is based on the premise that college-level material can be taught successfully to secondary school students. This is a chance for the visually gifted to excel and receive recognition on a national scale. It allows students to compare their work with that of other high school students throughout the nation and helps them prepare an excellent portfolio for study at the college level.

All students enrolling in this course are expected to submit an Advanced Placement (AP) portfolio. Developing a strong portfolio is an ongoing process that engages students to use informed and critical decision making to develop their work as well as time management and perseverance. The portfolio consists of three sections: Quality, Concentration, and Breadth.

- Quality: the student's ability to recognize quality in her or his work- selected works
- Concentration: the student's concentration on a sustained investigation of a particular visual interest or problem- sustained investigation
- Breadth: a range of approaches to the formal, technical and expressive means of the artist- range of approaches

This is a fast paced class emphasizing higher-level thinking and skills, outside projects, gallery visitations, and research. The nature of the course requires the teacher, student, and parents to commit the time and energy needed to successfully complete the required work. This course includes group and individual student critiques and instructional dialogue with the teacher to help students learn to analyze and discuss their own artworks and the works of others in a professional manner. Studio Art 2-D is designed to be taught at the college level. Consequently, some students may initially find the pace and workload difficult. To prepare for this transition, class expectations will be provided to students at the beginning of the school year.

There are mandatory summer readings, sketchbook assignments, and related writing assignments required for all students enrolled in AP Studio Art 2-D. The assignments will be available for review at www.pmsd.org on the **Academics** link under summer reading. All assignments are due by Friday, September 9, 2016 and are worth 10% of your first making period grade.

Sincerely,

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