



Pocono Mountain School District

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Advanced Placement Studio Art 3-D Summer Assignments

Dear AP Studio Art 3-D Student:

Congratulations on your enrollment in the Advanced Placement (AP) Studio Art 3-D course. AP Studio Art 3-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 two sections: Sustained Investigation and Selected Works.

1. Selected Works

- Works of 3-D art and design and writing demonstrating skillful synthesis of materials, processes, and ideas
- 5 physical works and written responses describing materials, processes and ideas used

2. Sustained Investigation

- In-depth, inquiry-based 3-D art and design making, skillful synthesis of materials, processes, ideas, and articulating information about your artwork through typed responses to prompts, about the questions that guided your investigation, and how you practiced, experimented and revised
- 15 digital images that include work of art and design and process documentation

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 3-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 sculpture assignments, sketchbook assignments, and related research assignments required for all students enrolled in AP Studio Art 3-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, 2024 and are worth 10% of your first marking period grade.

Sincerely,

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