



# Pocono Mountain School District

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## *Advanced Placement Drawing Summer Assignments*

Dear AP Drawing Student:

Congratulations on your enrollment in the Advanced Placement (AP) Drawing course. AP Drawing 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 portfolio (exam). 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**

- 40% of exam score
- Five physical works or high-quality printed reproductions of physical works that demonstrate:
  - Drawing skills
  - Synthesis of materials, processes, and ideas

### **2. Sustained Investigation**

- 60% of exam score
- Fifteen images of artworks that demonstrate:
  - Sustained investigation based on questions through practice, experimentation, and revision
  - Sustained investigation of materials, processes, and ideas
  - Synthesis of materials, processes, and ideas
  - Drawing skills

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. Advanced Placement Drawing 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, artworks, and related writing assignments required for all students enrolled in AP Drawing. The assignments will be available for review at [www.pmsd.org](http://www.pmsd.org) on the **Academics** link under summer reading. All assignments are due by Tuesday, September 8, 2020.

Sincerely,

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