

AHJS
Alamo Heights



Visual Arts
Junior School

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Please visit the Art class webpage for current projects, due dates, and important information: <http://webfc.ahisd.net/~cfallis/>

Class Expectations:

1. Come to class on time & prepared.
2. Be an active participant in lessons. Engage!
3. Stay on task, & do not disrupt other students' opportunity to learn.
4. If you make a mess, take ownership & clean it up. When it is "clean-up-time", everyone must work together to clean up the art room.
5. Respect the teacher, respect each other, & respect boundaries.

*Breaking any of these rules may result in disciplinary action.
(Please see the AHJS Student Handbook for other behavioral expectations at AHJS that are not listed above.)

Attendance:

If you arrive to class after the tardy bell, you must have a note from either the office or a teacher to be counted present. Sometimes attendance is marked incorrect due to late arrivals. Please contact Mr. Fallis if you have any questions, or see inaccuracies.

(Please see AHJS tardy policy for possible consequences)

If you are absent and need extra time, please speak with Mr. Fallis to make arrangements to turn your work in late, without penalty. Reminders will be given and emails will be sent home, but it is your responsibility to complete work and earn a grade that is appropriate to the effort that you have given.

Late Work: Deadlines are important!

Work turned in on time is rewarded with full credit. Late work can be turned in any time up until the end of the grading period, but will get no higher than a 70%. If you require additional time to complete an assignment and have been on task during class, speak with Mr. Fallis to request additional time without penalty. Deadlines have been created to teach you time management skills and accountability.

Grades: All assignments have criteria and expectations specific to the project that must be met. These expectations are explained in the assignment and demonstrations, so pay attention.

0 = No effort was made to do the assignment.

F = All criteria and required elements for the assignment were not met and/or were not able to be seen due to careless execution.

C= All criteria and required elements for the assignment were met, but the student showed little effort to provide a finished product. Final execution was rushed and appeared messy.

B= All criteria and required elements for the assignment were met and the student showed some effort to provide a finished product, but did not attempt to go beyond the creative boundaries of the assignment. There is still much to improve in the final execution.

A= All criteria and required elements for the assignment were met and the student provided a finished product with little or nothing left to improve. This student created a finished product that challenged the boundaries of the assignment and showed personal creative decisions.

You must give your best effort in every assignment as you work toward improving your artistic ability. As you can read above, neatness does matter!

Pay attention to instruction, participate in all activities, ask valid questions, stretch the limits of your creativity, and have a positive attitude. You will be successful, and you will become a better artist!

**“You are capable of anything
when you are confident that you can.”**

- Mr. Fallis

Guardian Permission to Display & Classroom Contract

AHJS Art teachers display students' artwork in the hallways of the Junior School to recognize accomplishments and for people to enjoy. AHJS art may also be displayed around the community or selected for placement in art competitions or auctions during the school year. We would love to have permission to display your child's artwork.

Student's Printed Name: _____

(Please check one of the following options)

☐ **Yes**, AHJS has permission to display my child's artwork.

*Your child's first name may appear next to the work of art. His/her last name will not be seen.

☐ **No**, do not display my child's artwork.

Art Fee & Contract:

All of the materials your child will need to do art projects (except a pencil, eraser, and sketchbook) will be provided. Additionally, all artwork created will be sent home at the end of the class cycle. In order to maintain the quality and availability of materials, we ask that each student pay a small fee at the beginning of the semester an art class will be taken.

The fee is \$10, per semester for each Art class taken.

If paying by check

Payable to: Alamo Heights ISD. Please include your driver's license number & phone number on the check.

If you are unable to pay this fee, or cannot pay until a later date, please contact me via e-mail, or write a note in the space provided. This will remain confidential. Donations are accepted and very much appreciated. ☺

I have read and understand the rules and expectations of the art classroom. I will follow the class rules and act responsibly and respectfully. I understand that failing to follow class rules and/or the student code of conduct may result in disciplinary action against me.

Student Signature: _____ Date _____

Guardian Signature: _____ Date _____