



# Meet **THE** **TEACHER**

Mrs. Heather Sportsman

## ABOUT ME!

I am Mrs. Heather Sportsman and I am so happy to be your art teacher for the upcoming school year. With nearly 14 years of teaching experience, I obtained my Bachelor's in Art in 2010 from Southern University A & M College and began teaching in 2011. I am also a professional artist outside of the classroom.

## My Favorites

- I love journaling.
- I enjoy eating great food.
- God and art fascinate me.
- I'm an avid coffee & tea drinker.
- Nature inspires me.
- I enjoy solitude.

## CONTACT

Please reach out to me if you have any questions, comments, or concerns.

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\*Please allow 24 hours for a response.

Kindness costs nothing.  
Disrespect can cost you everything.





# ART I SYLLABUS

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## Art I Course Description

- This course is designed to enable students to develop their problem-solving and creative thinking skills while teaching them to perceive the world around them, interpret emotion through a variety of artistic media, and evaluate their own artwork as well as work of other artists. Students explore basic elements of art and principles of design using a variety of media and techniques, concentrating on both traditional and contemporary. Students may be required to purchase some materials (art kit or supply list). An art fee may be required in some instances. Sketchbooks are required.

## Course Objectives

- Develop personal expression and craftsmanship through original artwork based on direct observation and personal interpretation.
- Envision ideas while exploring choices through the design-thinking process.
- Evaluate and reflect on their artistic products and processes, as well as the work of peers through critique.
- Demonstrate fundamental drawing skills and design concepts for progression to the next course unit.

## Class Policies and Expectations

- Be Respectful & Responsible: Respect classmates, the teacher, materials, and everyone's artwork. Come to class on time & prepared with necessary materials.
- No Cell Phones: Phones must be off and away.
- Try Your Best: Effort matters more than perfection—show growth, not just talent.
- Clean Up Like a Pro: Leave your space and tools cleaner than you found them.
- Use Materials Safely and Responsibly: Follow directions when using tools and supplies. Misuse = no access

## Required Materials

- Sketchbook (8.5x11 or 9x12 preferred) daily
- Pencil + eraser daily
- Colored pencils or markers (optional)

## Grading Policy

- **Daily Grades (50%):** Class participation, preparation, written quizzes, performance quizzes, and material checks.
- **Major Grades (50%):** Performance tests, written tests, and special projects.

## Turning In Work

- You may turn in work through your Schoology assignment or a designated turn in area in class.
- If turning in work late, it is a good idea to message me directly and state which assignment you turned in.



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## Requirements

- Students will be expected to keep, maintain, and develop a portfolio of artwork over the course of each semester. Including a sketchbook. Each class period, warm ups, reading and writing activities will be given as it connects to the current lesson. There will be independent and group projects. There will be student centered art shows, district art displays, and art competitions throughout the year.

## Grading Policy

- Every day an assignment is late there is a 10 point penalty. They are as follows:
- 1 day: 90
- 2 days: 80
- 3 days: 70
- 4+ days: 60

## Assessments

- There will be both formal and informal assessments given throughout the school year. Students will be assessed on the understanding and learning of vocabulary, concepts, and styles.
- There will be class reviews prior to the assessment.
- It is the students right and responsibility to retake a test in which they have made below 75%. There are certain procedures that must take place prior to a student retaking a test.
  1. Student must make test corrections and turn them in to the teacher.
  2. Student must attend a tutorial prior to retaking test.
  3. Student must retake the test during tutorials.
  4. Student must retake the test in the allotted time frame.
  5. Student will not be able to score higher than a 75% on the retake.

## Tracking Student Progress

- Student grades are accessible 24 hours a day via Skyward and assignments are accessible in Schoology.
- Both Skyward and Schoology is found on the Fortbendisd.gov

## Absences & Make-up Work

- Students are responsible for inquiring about make up work. Assignments and materials will be posted in the class and on Schoology. The amount of time permitted to complete and turn in work will be based on the absence and the assignment. If a scheduled due date is missed, the student must turn in the project upon their return to class.

- This syllabus is subject to change according to campus and district policies. Such updates will be communicated through Schoology or Skyward.



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### **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

**NAME** \_\_\_\_\_

**CLASS PERIOD** \_\_\_\_\_ **DATE** \_\_\_\_\_

**Instructions:** Read through the syllabus carefully and bring this page completed and signed back to teacher by August 29, 2025.

**We understand the art guidelines and expectations for the Art 1 course in Mrs. Sportsman's class . We also understand that the Fort Bend ISD Handbook Code of Conduct is online, and that the teacher will enforce all guidelines and expectations in alignment with campus policy.**

**Please note: Per the new law regarding cellular devices, all cell phones, earbuds, or any other personal electronic device should be placed inside backpacks during class time.**

**PRINTED PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME** \_\_\_\_\_

**PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE** \_\_\_\_\_

**DATE** \_\_\_\_\_

**PRINTED STUDENT NAME** \_\_\_\_\_

**STUDENT SIGNATURE** \_\_\_\_\_

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