

Mrs. Poirier

Room #2207

michellepoirier@abingtonps.org

<http://abingtonhsartdept.wixsite.com/artdept>

Insta: AHSVisualArt

COURSE DESCRIPTION

- In this course you will learn how to express your creativity through drawing, storytelling, and digital forms of animation. Throughout the course we will explore the history and evolution of animation, study drawing skills and techniques for character design, and explore how to tell a story through moving pictures.
- Technical skills such as drawing perspective, anatomy, and landscapes will be covered along with computer skills and applications.
- Career opportunities in the fields of digital art and animation will also be discussed as well as college portfolios and the creation of a personal website.
- We will gather inspiration from watching full length and short animated features and discussing the process of their creation
- We will use Vimeo as an online portfolio of all of your work

EXPECTATIONS

- It is not required to own or have access to the software we use in class.
- Though we will study drawing, it is not important to have fine drawing skills. Animations range from Walt Disney to South Park, everyone can find a style in which they can create.
- **There is no food or drink allowed in the computer labs at any time.**
- Cell phone use will not be required, so they should not be out.

ASSESSMENT:

Each unit we study will have multiple assessments to maximize success for each artist. The purpose of each assessment is to measure a separate part of student growth and learning. Most units will be graded using the following format:

| | |
|-----------------------------------|------------|
| Projects | 50% |
| Critiques/Reflections | 30% |
| Lessons/Exercises/Practice | 20% |

OTHER:

- 1. Evacuating the Building:** In the event of a fire drill or evacuation, exit left from classroom, go down the stairs and exit through the main entrance.
- 2. Leaving the Room:** Please ask for a pass if you need to leave the room. Sign out on the sign out sheet and sign back in upon your return.
- 3. Student Arts Magazine (SAM):** The Student Arts Magazine is an after school club that assembles the best written and visual work from the students of AHS every year. There are two opportunities that would benefit you: either joining the club or submitting your work. The first meeting will be **Monday, September 25 in Room 2207**, we meet twice a month until April. You will gain experience with online publication software, type and image setting, and editing. It is a great addition to a high school resume. You can also submit work you are proud of to a folder on the Student Common. It is an online magazine, so animations are welcome. We will discuss again after our first project.
- 4. Film Club:** Film Club is an afterschool club that meets once a month to discuss and view student-created film projects. Each month a new theme is given, for example fantasy, courage, comedy, etc. Members of the club work together writing a script, directing, acting in, and editing the film. Students use their own equipment for filming, while access to Adobe Premiere Pro will be provided in the Abington High School library or digital lab. At the end of the school year a Film Festival will be held to view the best of work from the year. The first meeting will be **Thursday, October 7 in Room 2207.**
- 5. After School:** The library and digital lab are equipped with Adobe Photoshop. You are welcome to use the software after school or during a study to work on independent projects or in-class projects that are taking more time.

I have received Mrs. Poirier's Animation Syllabus.

Student Signature

Date

Are you interested in Animation or another creative field as a career?

YES

NO

MAYBE, I WANT MORE INFO

Are you a senior that needs to develop a portfolio?

YES

NO

If so, where are you applying to school? What major?
