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AVI10 Visual Arts Grade 9

General Course Information

Department:	The Arts: Visual Arts & Media Arts
Extra Help:	By Appointment Lunch time Open Studio, and designated before and after school times.
Textbook and Replacement Cost:	Not Applicable
Material Required:	Not Applicable
Course Fee:	None – enhanced course materials may be purchased by students if desired.

Course Description

This course is exploratory in nature, offering an overview of visual arts as a foundation for further study. Students will become familiar with the elements and principles of design and the expressive qualities of various materials by using a range of media, processes, techniques, and styles. Students will use the creative and critical analysis processes and will interpret art within a personal, contemporary and historical context.

The course is organized into three strands:

- 1. Creating and Presenting 2. Reflecting, Responding, and Analysing 3. Foundations

A detailed list of the course expectations can be found at <http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/curriculum/secondary/arts.html>

Assessment and Evaluation

To promote student success, ongoing assessment and feedback will be given regularly to the students. A variety of assessment and evaluation strategies will be used in this course, including Achievement Chart based rubrics. Expectations will be evaluated based on the provincial curriculum expectations and the achievement levels outlined in the ministry document.

Expectations are organized into four categories of knowledge and skills. The categories and their corresponding weighting is as follows:

Knowledge and Understanding	25%
Thinking	25%
Communication	25%
Application	25%

Each student's final mark will be in the form of a percentage grade based on their achievement in the 4 categories on the achievement chart. The breakdown of the final mark is as followed:

Term Evaluation	70%
Final Evaluation	30%

The final Evaluation will be completed during the final 6 weeks of the course and may include a variety of summative activities including studio assignments, a written component, and a presentation.

In addition to students' performance in the achievement categories, students will also be assessed on their performance in the following learning skills:

- Responsibility
- Organization
- Independent Work
- Collaboration
- Initiative
- Self-Regulation

For specific policies on assessment and evaluation, and academic honesty, please refer to *School Procedures* in the student agenda.