

Valencia Photography

Digital Photo 1A/1B/2A/2B
Course Orientation

Dear Parents and Students:

This course orientation has been prepared to communicate the expectations, course content, course requirements, policies, and any other information that will give you the opportunity to achieve and have a positive learning experience. Please read it carefully, learn it, and share it with your parents. If you do not understand, or you have a question about any part of this communication, please see me for clarification.

This is a one-semester course in digital photography. You will learn about photocomposition, digital manipulation using Adobe Photoshop, and camera operation. Proper lighting techniques will be studied as well. Students enrolled in higher-level courses will build on the basic standards taught previously. Advanced students will be encouraged to define an individual style of their own with portfolio development emphasized.

Materials Contribution \$20.00

This contribution covers the cost of very expensive ink cartridges and photo quality printing paper; your contribution is greatly appreciated! Please make checks payable to Valencia High School. Also include student ID number and name of student on each check. Cash is also accepted.

Required equipment

1. **Digital Camera**-this can be an aim and shoot auto focus digital camera or an SLR digital camera.
2. **USB/Flash Drive**, minimum 2 GB. These can be found rather inexpensively (on sale) at your local Target, Wal Mart, Best Buy, Staples, and Office Depot etc. \$9.99 is a good price. **OR** card readers work too and can be purchased at the same kind of store. Students just need something to store work on and this eliminates having to bring cameras to school **eventually**. Students will need to bring cameras **initially**!
3. Spiral notebook with pockets to store handouts and take notes.

GRADING

The total points earned determine your grade in this course. Points will be earned in the following categories: Prints, Projects, and Tests. **Your points are cumulative; they stay with you for the entire semester.** The list below shows **approximately** the number of points that will be possible.

Category	#	Points	Total
Lessons	12	20	240
Projects	12	50	600
Quizzes	2	25	50
Final Project	1	100	100

990 points total

Point totals calculated on a strict percentage scale, determine your semester grade.

90% - 100%	=	A
80% - 89%	=	B
70% - 79%	=	C
60% - 69%	=	D
Below 59%	=	F

What will be most important to remember is that you must turn in everything! Even a low grade is better than a zero. All make up work must be in by the end of the 5-week grading period.

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY

Any student involved in dishonesty on any work, quizzes, tests, etc., will be subject to one, some, or all of the following: an automatic zero on the work; one day suspension from class; a referral from the dean; and a conference between the Dean, the parents and the students. **Students may not use another person's photos, under any circumstance!**

ATTENDANCE/TARDY POLICY

Attendance is important and is directly related to your success. To be successful, students need to be in attendance and on time to class each day. The school tardy and the district attendance policy will be in effect in this class.

TEACHER CONFERENCE PERIOD

Valentine- 5th period between 11:24-12:19 p.m. Email: fvalent@hartdistrict.org

CLASS RULES

1. Be in class on time, with your supplies, on a daily basis.
2. Please be seated at the beginning of class; listen for instructions or tips of the day. Roll is taken at this time!!
3. Be courteous. Unacceptable language will not be tolerated
4. Do not misuse computer equipment.
5. **No food or drink in classroom.**
6. Do not leave room without permission. Teacher excuses students at the end of the period, not the bell!!
7. Make sure computer station is left clean and neat.
8. The Valencia High School discipline plan, along with the 5-step Opportunity room program will be enforced for failure to follow classroom rules.

I am looking forward to an exciting semester with all of you!

Thank You,

Ms. Valentine

(Return to teacher)

Dear Student and Parent or Legal Guardian,

Please sign and return this certification indicating that you have read and understand the information on this course orientation.

Student Name Printed _____

Student Signature _____ Date _____

Parent Signature _____ Date _____

Parent's Daytime Phone Number(s) _____

Please be advised that inappropriate photographic imagery dealing with alcohol, drugs, violence, gangs, or sexual content will be immediately turned over to the administration.