**PHOTOGRAPHY I Syllabus Albemarle High School**

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**COURSE DESCRIPTION:**

Students will learn the fundamentals of film and digital photography while using the Elements and Principles of Design. Camera function, methods and processes of developing and printing film and digital photos, and creative composition will be covered. Students will use the camera to communicate while developing an aesthetic eye. They will be responsible for camera and equipment maintenance, clean up of all spaces, and staying on task. Technical information is augmented with an introduction to the history and aesthetics of photography, so that the richness of the medium may be explored. This course follows state SOL’s and Albemarle County’s Lifelong Learning Standards and Essential Understandings. We will be using Google products to organize our photos and create an online portfolio.

**MATERIALS & FEES:**

* Students are requested to have fully adjustable 35mm camera that takes film and/or a digital SLR camera, thus ones with manual control of shutter speed and aperture. (The school has a limited number of cameras to loan. Please make arrangements with the teacher.)
* 1” three ring binder
* **$100 for the year**. (This fee covers paper, film, sleeves, SD card, jump drive, developing solutions, darkroom materials, ink). If you cannot pay the fee in one sum, please let me know so we can set up a payment plan.

**ASSESSMENT:**

Projects will be graded based on stated criteria outlined in the project’s rubric. Five points will be taken off for each class period a project is late. Class participation and responsible behavior will factor into the Effort portion of each project. Projects will be worth 70% and blogs/tests/notes/reports will be worth 30% of a student’s grade. Exams and assessments of the student's learning reflect the school’s policy. Exam exemptions are outlined in the Student/Parent Handbook. **All** students will be participating in a final culminating assessment that will count for 20% of their second semester grade and exempt them from the final exam during Exam Week.

**ATTENDANCE:**

Attendance is crucial to successful projects, as classroom time is darkroom time. A missed class must be made up during CHAT period as soon as possible. It is the responsibility of the student to arrange this make-up time.

**HOMEWORK:**

Homework will consist of shooting film assignments. Students will have a list of assignments and due dates to appropriately plan their time. Staying on top of homework assignments is important to completing in class projects, such as developing and printing.

**FUNDRAISING:** We will do some fundraising to cover the cost of equipment repairs.

**DAILY ROUTINE:**

Jump Start Activity: Students will enter the room and start the Jump Start activity listed on the board. These activities will range from reading from the photography textbook to watching a video demonstration regarding a pertinent photography technique.

Project Development: After the Jump Start activity I will discuss the concept and/or goals of the day and remind students of the project tasks. Students are responsible for getting their materials and being on task in the various developing rooms.

Clean Up: Fifteen to ten minutes before the end of class students will need to clean up all their workspaces and leave them in order. This may entail wiping down tables, putting away supplies, and throwing out any unwanted materials.

**CLASS EXPECTATIONS:**

-Students will observe AHS rules at all times.

-Enter the classroom ready to learn and listen to instruction.

- RESPECT all equipment and materials. (Be prepared to pay for equipment broken through improper use.)

-Be fair, kind, and honest-work in a professional manner.

-Keep all spaces neat and clean.

-No food or beverages in the computer or darkroom.

-Internet use for classroom assignments only.

-No texting in the classroom.

**Classroom Rules:** Good students are expected to be constantly working to improve their skills. Successful students avoid wasting time, excessive social conversation, and any behavior that detracts from an organized, safe, and pleasant classroom. Please be advised that students who spend most of their time talking, visiting, and/or texting during class often fail to complete assignments or do inadequate jobs.

**Honor Pledge:**  Cheating is not acceptable.  Students must sign the school pledge, "On my honor, I have neither given or received unauthorized aid on this work" on tests and written assignments.  The same is expected for the work put in to the class projects.  If you are caught stealing someone else's work and passing it off as your own you will get an automatic zero for the project.

**Communication:**Parents/Guardians are expected to check the parent portal for grades and will also be notified by phone or e-mail if the student is in danger of failing.  Interim grades will be given the first four and half weeks of the term.  I will reply to your email or phone message within 48 hours. Please look for class information on my website listed above.

**Anti Bullying Policy:** Bullying is the intentional harm to someone's property, self-esteem, or feeling of safety through repeated verbal, physical, and or social actions conveyed covertly or overtly through any means, including electronic devices, written statements, symbols, drawings, physical actions, or verbally.  Bullying at AHS is unacceptable behavior and will not be tolerated.

**AHS Anti-Bullying Rules**

As a member of the AHS community,

1. We will not engage in bullying behaviors.
2. We will try to help students who are bullied.
3. We will try to include students who are left out.
4. If we know someone is being bullied, we will tell an adult at school and an adult at home.

\***PLEASE CHECK BELOW** TO GIVE YOUR PERMISSION FOR YOUR STUDENT’S ARTWORK TO BE DISPLAYED IN ART SHOWS OUTSIDE OF THE SCHOOL OR ON MY WEBSITE (student names will not be used on my website). I WILL ALSO TAKE PICTURES OF THE CLASS WORKING AND POST THEM ON MY WEBSITE. PLEASE LET ME KNOW IF YOU ARE OK WITH ME SHOWING A PICTURE OF THEM (no student names will be listed).

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Yes, you can show my student’s work and their photo on the website and in artshows

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ No, please DO NOT show my student’s work and their photo on my website

**\*PLEASE CHECK BELOW** TO GIVE PERMISSION FOR YOU STUDENT TO CREATE A GOOGLE WEBSITE (A WEB PAGE) THAT WILL BE THEIR ONLINE PORTFOLIO FOR THE YEAR. PLEASE INDICATE IF YOU WOULD LIKE THEM TO SHARE THIS SITE ONLY WITH ALBEMARLE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOL OR WITH THE WORLD.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Share only with ACPS

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**Please sign and return this form indicating that you have read it and return it to Mrs. DiGiacomo with $100.00 Materials Fee in cash or check payable to Albemarle High School no later than August 30, 2014.**

We have read the Photography 1 rules and procedures and agree to abide by the terms and conditions of the class.

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