

**EDUCATION FOR THE ARTS (EFA)
ADVANCED VISUAL ARTS STUDIO 2023-2024**

Location	Kalamazoo Institute of Arts
Day and Time	Monday thru Friday, 7:45 am to 9:15 am
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Course Goals

- Explore a variety of art mediums and learn first hand from professional local artists.
- Develop skills and a visual voice to discover your style and preferred methods when creating art.
- Submit work in juried shows, plan, attend and participate in local art exhibitions.
- Compile a virtual portfolio for colleges, juried exhibitions and residencies.
- Begin to think, dream and aspire for what is next as you pursue your creative path as an artist.

Supplies

All art supplies needed to complete project will be provided.

Course Grade

In general, the student's grade will be determined by:

- 1) Technical achievement & artistic growth
- 2) Consistently present & on time
- 3) Ability to pay attention, ask questions & explain your process
- 4) Creativity, experimentation, risk taking & pushing limits
- 5) Participation, time management & studio responsibility
- 6) Recognize a problem & use independent/Interdependent problem solving skills
- 6) Successful completion of projects
- 7) Art exhibition participation & attendance

Power School Information System

Power School is a web-based electronic program, which allows attendance, grades, report cards and much more to be reported and generated throughout the school year. Students and parents have access to this information system.

Google Classroom

Assignments will be posted in Google Classroom. Some will have deadlines. If work is not turned in on time – points will be deducted. Process photos and reflections will help to determine student grade for each unit.

Art Exhibitions

Students will submit work in a variety of shows throughout the year. Your participation is part of your grade. The final exhibit in May is equivalent to a final exam. You are expected to help plan, attend, participate and clean up.

Attendance & Timeliness

Students are expected to attend every class on time. This is imperative for student's safety and success in the art studio. Students who have more than five unexcused absences will be on probation and a phone call to parents. More than five tardies will also result in a phone call to parent/guardian. Students with excessive tardies or absences are at risk of a lower grade & being dropped from class.

An Excused Absence requires a doctor's note. School related absences that are not listed on the county calendar require a copy of your permission slip or note from your school. Refer to EFA/CTE Attendance Policy for further explanation.

Covid Policy

EFA follows KIA's Covid policy. Student's are required to wear masks if a cold or cold symptoms are present, or if exposed to an individual diagnosed with Covid. More information regarding Covid policy will be shared.

Snow Days

Register at wwmt.com to receive text and/or email alerts of school closures for your school and KPS. If KPS is open, but your home school or if online, the school district where you reside is closed, you are not required to attend.

Safety and Studio Rules

- Specific safety matters regarding equipment, tools, supplies, etc. will be covered in a general manner at the beginning of the semester. As each technique is introduced, more specific safety matters will be discussed.
- Always practice safe conduct in the studio. Any misuse of equipment, tools, and/or supplies will result in expulsion from the class.
- A clean and orderly studio and storage space is the rule. Always clean your personal workspace and put away tools and equipment in the proper place before leaving the studio.
- Eating in the studios should be limited to clean areas and beverages are acceptable.

Electronic Devices

- The use of cell phones, and electronic devices are for learning only.
- Texting is prohibited during class time, unless permitted by instructor. No phone calls during class.
- The use of personal music-listening devices is not allowed during instructional time. They may be used while students are engaged in working on projects and the instructor does not require the attention of the whole class.

EFA/Kalamazoo Institute of Arts Policy

We are guests at the Kalamazoo Institute of Arts. Please respect the rules and expectations so we can continue to use this amazing professional artist space.

- Ask for permission to leave class. Only one student may leave at a time for bathroom/drink. Students are not allowed to “explore” in other classrooms or throughout the building without instructor present.
- No drugs, vaping or smoking on campus. Prescription/over the counter drugs require a signed authorization form by parent.
- Please dress school appropriate.

Class Culture

- Respect each other through words and actions
- Avoid gossip and toxic conversations
- Understand that we all have different situations, backgrounds, experience and abilities. Do not compare yourself or your work to anyone else. Focus on your own growth and individuality. Success will come from self confidence!