

Eighth Grade Digital Media

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Welcome to Computers

Our class will focus on developing advanced skills using various applications.

Many advanced features of PowerPoint, Photoshop, Dreamweaver, After Effects, and Soundbooth. Students will work with still images, digitizing audio and green screening.

The internet will be used often to gather information. I will remind students of their expected responsible behavior using the internet.

Assignments

Some assignments will take several days to complete. If any student gets behind it will be difficult to catch up. I will be encouraging students to monitor their time so they will be finished by the due date. **Most all work will be done in class. Very seldom will students have homework.**

Assignments are considered valid if:

- Date file was created is the date we began the activity
- File is in student's folder on server
- Printout has name TYPED on it
- Saved file represents the printout

If these criteria are not met, the printed document will be not be considered the student's own work.

Grades

Midterms are a good time to reevaluate and set new goals if students are not achieving the grade they'd like. It is not advised waiting until three or four days before the quarter ends to bring a grade up. All that will do is dramatically increase anxiety and possibly a slightly better grade. *See page 2 for grading policy details.*

Grading

Assignments

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

Behavior

Disciplinary action is based upon the school's discipline plan including isolation, parent phone calls and the SAC room.

Tardies

Students must be in their seat **before** the bell rings. If they are not in their seat they will receive an unexcused tardy. After two tardies I will call home as a reminder that the next tardy will result in a referral to the office. (Running to their seat to beat the bell is not considered on-time.)

Absences

Students that are absent will have time in class to make up the work they were unable to complete. If there are an excessive amount of absences I will make other arrangements with the student for their missed work.

Restroom

Students should **rarely** be out of the classroom, therefore, students are allowed to use the restroom twice during the quarter. They need to make sure they are using their passing time appropriately.

Drinks

Students may use the drinking fountain outside the classroom. If they are using it excessively they will need to get a drink before the bell rings.

Food Policy

No candy or gum is allowed in the classroom.

Cheating

Zero tolerance. All students involved will be given a zero for the assignment as well as a Student Discipline Referral to the office.

