

SYLLABUS

OCSAC Visual Art Portfolio Preparatory Class 2016-17

Course Description and Goals

Visual Art Portfolio Preparatory Class is an individualized thirty week course designed to prepare the student for the workshops and auditions held by the Kentucky Governor's School for the Arts, district AP and Gifted & Talented interviews, college admissions, and regional art competitions. VA Portfolio Prep. Class is open to all Oldham County School Students currently in 9th through 12th Grade.

The course consists of thirty classes which take place at South Oldham High School from **September 8th, 2016 through May 11th, 2017 on Thursdays from 4:00-6pm**. These classes are in addition to the student's regular high school course load and take place at a time that is outside of the school day. Each class includes one lesson from the instructor, an individual coaching, and open studio. The first Thursday of each month will be dedicated exclusively to individual conferences with the instructor during an open studio period. The final week of the course will include a public show at the Arts Center, displaying individual works for the duration of a June, 2017.

Students admitted to the VA Portfolio Prep. Class will be challenged in a variety of art concepts that specifically further their work to meet the goals of individual portfolio requirements. The result of which further prepares students' portfolios for successful outcomes in competitive auditions occurring in the 2016-2017 academic year.

Course Requirements and Grading

Students enrolled for high school credit must agree to all requirements listed in the VA Portfolio Class Contract. The contract must be returned, with all signatures, to the OCS Arts Center by **Thursday, September 1, 2016**. Grading policies are as follows:

- 1) The course Pass/Fail grade is heavily based upon the student's artistic growth over the 30 week period. In preparation for each weekly class, individual assignments must be completed so that each class is a productive and effective experience.
- 2) Attendance of at least 27 of the 30 weekly classes is required in order to receive credit for this course.
- 3) Active participation in group lecture/demonstrations, willingness to take constructive criticism, and a positive attitude are required.
- 4) Participation in the public show at the OCS Arts Center is required. The final show will serve as the culminating experience and thus "final exam" of the course.
- 5) The student's submission of their portfolio to at least one audition, interview, competition, or admission process during the 2016-2017 academic year is required.
- 6) The Pass/Fail grade will be based on the level of improvement throughout the course as well as the level of understanding and mastery of the presented instruction.

Course Fees

Students admitted may elect to take the course for high school credit. If taken for credit, the student will receive a full tuition scholarship, less a \$30.00 materials fee. For students not enrolling for credit, tuition for the course is \$295.00.

