

The “FUN”damentals of Media and Design

Explore: Digital Media Arts

Mr. Tapie - Room 803

Course Description

This course will explore the fundamentals of digital media and their application in various real world projects through web-based media applications. Aligning with the CTE pathway standards for Arts, Media, and Entertainment, students will demonstrate their understanding of digital media as it applies to copyright, design, development, and application. From cell phone photography to portfolio design, copyright to podcasts, students will explore, analyze, design, and create meaningful projects.

Course Objective

The goal of this course is to enhance students’ understanding and appreciation of digital media and apply learned skills within individual and collaborative projects which reflect “real world” applications.

Technology and Resources

We will be using technology and resources most commonly found in middle school students’ hands . . . cell phones and tablets. If students do not have access to a cell phone, other arrangements will be made. Most, if not all, projects will be completed using our school’s Chromebooks in class. Students are more than welcome to use any technology available to them outside the classroom as long as it gets the job done. Below is a list of the resources and technology used but not limited to:

Chromebooks • Cell Phones • Pixlr • Vectr • Vocaroo • Google Sites

Grading

Since students will be working independently as well as in collaborative groups, grading will vary depending on the assignment or project. Grades will be based on points earned and follow the traditional grading scale breakdown outlined on my website.

Classroom Policies and Behavioral Expectations

Due to the nature of the class and the technology involved, it is imperative that we exhibit appropriate and respectful behavior towards others as well as any technology used. Classroom policies are outlined on my website.

**** Taking pictures using cell phones, tablets, or digital cameras is an integral part of this course at times. With that in mind, students are expected to use their devices solely for the purposes of the assignments or projects assigned. Any images taken must be school appropriate and are subject to review.***

***** Any inappropriate use of technology will result in disciplinary action as outlined in Bella Vista Middle School’s discipline code.***

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I have read the course syllabus and understand the Classroom Policies and Behavioral Expectations.

Student Name: _____

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

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