

# Drawing 3 Prep and Honors Course Syllabus

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**Credit Hours:** 1 credit; per semester

**Materials Fee:** Most art supplies will be provided but it may be necessary to gather materials from home to include is some projects.

## **Course Description / Instructional Goals:**

Students will explore varied approaches to drawing for the entire year. This class re-enforces and refines skills learned in Drawing 2. Students may experiment with traditional drawing concepts or explore 2D Design ideas appropriate for inclusion in the two AP Portfolios. Students in this class are the most experienced drawing students at Westside. All students will be encouraged to create a body of work on a topic of their choice. The work will evolve one piece to the next and constitute an in-depth investigation of the subject matter and media of choice. Students will be required to represent Westside in contests including Scholastic Portfolio Review and VASE. Assignments are due on the date specified. Work done in class on a specific project will have a due date. Students who are ill or have an excused absence will have an opportunity to turn work in after the due date up to one week.

**Grading:** The categories for grading will include **Practice Works, Skill Demonstration Projects, 30% and Final/Major Projects, 70%**. Regardless of skill level or degree of talent, the effort and commitment the student puts into the work will always be considered.

**Retake Policy:** Major projects receiving a failing grade may be re-done, re-worked and re-submitted. Students must attend the necessary tutorials to improve the artwork before re-submitting one time attempting to raise the grade to a maximum re-evaluation of 70.

**Tutorials:** Offered every day at lunch. Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday students may use the complete hour lunch. Thursday and Friday half of the lunch period is available for tutorials.

**Classroom Procedures:** Students will be required to clean their assigned desk and shared working areas before they leave class. Students must be in their seats and quiet when the tardy bell rings and are never permitted to stand at the door before the end of class bell rings. The use of cell phones in the classroom is prohibited unless given permission for a specific task. Students are responsible for positive classroom behavior. Students will comply with the HISD Code of Student Conduct and the Westside discipline management system.