**8th Grade Art** with Mrs. McCarthy

Welcome to the art room! I hope you are as excited to be here as I am! Our goal this year is to learn more about art and to make interesting artwork! I am particularly interested in helping you begin to develop your own style of artistic expression. We will be doing 5-6 large projects this semester including an independent project at the end of the semester.

This handout is designed to provide reminders of expectations, grading, and general aspects within the art classroom. Keep it in you art folder to refer to later.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Class Code: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_



**Projects this Semester**

Design: Symbolic Self- Portrait Folder

Clay / photography: Pop Art Selfies

Drawing: Still Life

Sculpture: Masks as Personal Symbolism

Artist’s Statement: Writing Reflection

Independent Project: Art from Many Lands

Skill Sheets: 4 per Quarter (your choice)

**General Art Room Expectations**

In general, art class time is broken into 3 categories: instruction time, studio time and clean up time. In order to provide the best learning environment for all there are some basic rules.

 **Be Respectful –** pay attention to demonstrations and instructions, no interrupting, raise your hand to ask a question, work quietly, respect personal space, be kind.

**Be Responsible –** use art materials and tools appropriately, focus on work during class time, be a problem-solver, clean all space and materials used, help others, keep your work organized.

**Be Ready –** be physically ready: be on time, bring a pencil. Be mentally ready: have a positive attitude!

**Grading Policies**

In this class, there will be several large units of study. Each unit will consist of a variety of **classwork** (experimentation, activities, worksheets, rough drafts, etc.) building toward a **final project**. Nearly everything in this class is graded because it is a reflection of practice, artistic habits, development, and mastery within a concept.

**Classwork** is worth 40% of your grade.

**Projects** are large and take longer, and are worth 60% of your grade.