

# Photo I & Photo II

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**Photography I** is a year long course that introduces students to the fundamentals of art and digital photography, using both the camera and Photoshop. Topics of study and exploration include:

- Basics of the Camera
- Beyond 'Auto' settings
- Composition & Lighting
- Elements and Principles of Art in Photography
- Famous Photographers
- Careers in Photography
- Concepts in Art and Photography
- Photoshop to enhance your photographs
- Photoshop to create artwork

Students create a digital portfolio of their projects in this class to demonstrate their growth over time.

**Photography II** is a year long course giving students the opportunity to extend their understanding and skills in art and digital photography. Photo II students are expected to work at a deeper level, developing meaning in their photography and working toward a personal style. Beyond assigned projects, Photo II students write project proposals addressing **TECHNIQUE, DESIGN, MEANING, & INNOVATION** to challenge their current skill level in a direction of personal choice. Students will create a portfolio of their projects in this class to demonstrate their growth over time.

## Photo I & Photo II Portfolio Review

Development of work and growth over time  
Semester FINAL and Year End FINAL

*\*Students will exhibit their work in the classroom, school, and community, and may participate in student art contests. Art will not be exhibited on the website without a signed Photo Release authorizing its use.*

**Treat Each Other & Equipment With Respect!**  
Cell phones must be off and out of sight (school policy).

POLITE



## PV Campus-wide TARDY POLICY

When the bell rings,

All students must be in their assigned seats or stations.

If you are tardy,

You must go to Student Services or a Campus Supervisor to get a WHITE PASS, signed, with the date and time BEFORE YOU WILL BE ADMITTED TO CLASS!

If you have an authorized tardy, you must have a PINK PASS, signed, with the date and time.

### DETENTION:

- Thirty (30) minutes of detention will be assigned for each tardy.
- Each tardy must be made up within 5 school days.
- Tardy detentions not made up within 5 school days will result in Saturday School.
- LOSS OF PRIVILEGES will result from detentions and Saturday School assignments that are not served in a timely manner.

PREPARED

'Food and Drink' are hazards to equipment and art projects.  
**Your respect is expected and appreciated!**  
Please use your time for Photography!

PRODUCTIVE

Parents and Students,

You will find course information, student art, and other items of interest, including major assignments and some labs on my website!

<http://pvhs.chicousd.org/subsites/Nancy-Ritcher/>

Check the galleries to see student work!

## GRADING

### PROJECTS & LABS

Scores are reported based on a level of accomplishment in meeting and exceeding project/assignment requirements (see the rubric on the back):

Art 100	100%
WOW!	95%
Accomplished	85%
Emerging	75%
Novice	65%

Overall Course Grades use the following scale:

A	93 - 100	C+	77 - 79
A-	90 - 92	C	73 - 76
B+	87 - 89	C	73 - 70
B	83 - 86	D	63 - 69
B-	80 - 82	D-	60 - 62
		F	0 - 59

\*I expect students to turn in all work. Work that is late is assessed on assignment requirements; late work is reflected in the PROCESS grade.

## PROCESS

Students are expected to practice useful **LIFE SKILLS**: being **polite, prepared, and productive**. Life skills are part of the course and will be reflected each grading period as PROCESS POINTS: "Are you here? Are you here on time? Do you work when you're here? Do you turn your work in on time? Do you take care of equipment and leave your work area ready for the next person? Do you contribute? Are you a responsible citizen of this class?"

## GROWTH

Students enter art classes with varying experiences and abilities. All students should develop their understanding of art concepts and skills over time and will be assessed on growth.

Feel free to contact me if there is anything you think would be helpful for me to know, if you have concerns, or for any reason: [nritcher@chicousd.org](mailto:nritcher@chicousd.org)

I look forward to working with each student throughout the year!

Sincerely,  
Nancy Ritcher