High School Digital Art 1 Curriculum

Course Length: 1 semester

Course Description: Students will learn how to create art digitally in this course. They will explore the different disciplines of digital art. Topics and techniques include a study of the elements of design, Adobe Illustrator and Photoshop instruction, and some interactive projects to engage creativity.

This course includes some units created for Graphic Design or Digital Photography, but the resources also work for Digital Art.

NOTE: The time frames listed are based on 50-minute class periods. The standards listed are based on the National Core Arts Standards. All units come with a simple one-page lesson plan. Many of these units are also used in the graphic design and digital photography classes on the Digital Art Teacher website.

Time	Unit Name	Project(s)	Skills acquired	Standard(s)	Resources included
20 days	Learn Design Elements Through Illustrator	7 Sketchbook assignments and Adobe Illustrator exploration	Basic knowledge of the elements of design and Illustrator	2,3	Presentation 25 instructional videos sketchbook activities checklist Illustrator overview checklist 7 Elements worksheets & keys Complete Illustrator files Label Illustrator worksheet Grade sheet Review page Test, Test key
2 days	Copyright	Response assignment	Basic understanding of copyright	7,8,9,11	Presentation Response assignment Response assignment key Review sheet

					Quiz, Quiz key
10 days	**Pen Tool**	Pen tool practice page and cartoon tracing project	Pen tool	1,2	Presentation Assignment page Illustrator tutorial videos Completed Illustrator examples
5 days	**Balance**	3 balance worksheets, Polygonal Animal	Continued pen tool practice, basic understanding of balance	1,2,3,9	Presentation Instructional videos Project page Project example Grading Rubric Review Test Test Key
6 days	**Introduction to Photoshop**	5 Photoshop worksheets	Basic knowledge of Photoshop	3,5	1 Presentation 15 Video Tutorials 5 Photoshop worksheets 5 Finished examples 1 Grade sheet 1 Review sheet 1 Test
10 days	**Color Theory**	6 Sketchbook assignments and Adobe Illustrator exploration	Color wheel and color schemes	1,2,3,11	3 PowerPoints 10 Video tutorials 1 Color schemes worksheet 1 Test 3 finished examples
3 days	**Color Blending**	Blending Worksheet	Use of blending tools	1	3 Video tutorials 1 Extended blending worksheet 1 Finished example 1 Assignment page outline
17 days	**Create an Emoji**	Build 3 emojis	Apply knowledge of color and Photoshop	1,6,8,11	19 Video tutorials 1 Presentation 4 Finished examples 1 Project page outline
3-5 days	**Christmas Card**	Christmas Card	Applying previous knowledge	2,10	1 Project page Finished Illustrator Example 3 Written tutorial links 2 Video Tutorials links

2-3 days	**Image Recreation**	Final	Applying previous knowledge	10,11	1 student instruction sheet 8 images to recreate 1 finished Illustrator example 1 finished Photoshop example 1 review/grade sheet