



PLP Arts

Teacher Contact Info

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Course Description:

Welcome to PLP Arts! In this course, you will be presented many opportunities to discover and enhance your skills in arts related subjects including Music, Drama, and Art.

PLP Arts offers students an opportunity to enrich their lives through art. Confidence gained in the study of the arts carries through to other areas of the curriculum and life as a whole. To be involved in self-direction and self-critiquing requires that the student develop a more holistic perspective of how they are actively and consciously involved in instigating their own learning. The skill sets required in this course evolve into habits that evolve into life-long learning.

In addition to exploring different art forms, we will look at some of the potential careers available in arts related industries and the requirements necessary to start down that pathway.

Course Objectives:

In this course, all of the eight competencies identified by Alberta Education are embedded within the course material. We will formally assess four of these competencies throughout the semester in PLP Arts.

Competency	Descriptor
Creativity and Innovation	Being part of PLP Arts is a group activity and, as such, collaboration is a key element to success. We are in a constant state of finding ways to explore creativity and methods to convey that expression to an audience. The arts provide tools that help build healthy, life-long relationships which develop understanding of ourselves and the world around us. Students will constantly reflect and evaluate their reasoning behind thoughts, beliefs and actions.
Communication	
Collaboration	
Personal Growth and Well-Being	For students to be successful in PLP Arts, they need to be able to appreciate and positively critique their work and receive that criticism from others. They must build a sense of trust so they feel comfortable taking risks to increase their creative and educational knowledge. Students will be encouraged in a variety of ways that will affect the student at a fundamental level and will help develop a sense of purpose in life and joy in living.

PLP Arts is a participatory-based program and, as such, the learning environment must be conducive to creativity and risk-taking. Students are expected to contribute a positive attitude and a consistent work ethic. The key components of this group-based activity are regular, punctual attendance along with an emotionally/socially supportive and trusting environment. Students are expected to contribute to that environment through positive participation, positive attitude and mutual respect and support of one another, their teachers and the facility.

Classroom Expectations

- Arrive to class on time, prepared to work.
- Treat others, their ideas and possessions with respect.
- Listen when you are asked to and speak in turn.
- Respect your environment. Put your garbage in the garbage can. Vandalism will NOT be tolerated.
- Follow the teacher's direction the first time you are asked.
- Accept that YOU are responsible for your success in this class and in life. Then, act on that belief.

Food and Drink

Only "Brain Food" is allowed. Don't bring pop, chips, coffee or candy to class. You may eat/drink things like fruit, water and juice. You may not purchase food during class time or leave the class to fetch food from elsewhere. There are water bottle refilling stations just outside the door which you can ask to leave the room to use.

Personal Listening Devices

At times, you will be asked to share music with the class in the form of a presentation. You will not require them for any other situation and they should be secured in a safe place.

Phones

With the exception of it being a device from which to play your music for a presentation, you will not require your phones and they should be secured in a safe place. Phones used inappropriately during class time will be confiscated and returned at the end of the day.

Course Materials and Resources:

Students will be required to wear clothing that allows freedom of movement every day. A notebook/sketchbook and a variety of writing implements will be necessary. All assignments must be completed and are due at the beginning of the class period on the assigned date.

Student Signature: _____ **Parent Signature:** _____

Student Name (printed): _____ **Date:** _____