**Photography 1**

You can look at a picture for a week and never think of it again.

You can also look at a picture for a second and think of it all your life.

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Photography 1 is focused of the elements of art and learning to use them to improve their images through digital photography. We will also study the functions and operations of a digital camera.

 **Course Goals and Outcomes:**

***Goals***

Students will hopefully gain a love for photography. They will be able to discover and evaluate the elements of design in photographs and understand what makes a good photo, and how to use photography to tell a story. They will have basic photoshop skills using Adobe Lightroom and Photoshop, and the basic understanding of digital camera workings.

***Specific Learning Outcomes:***

By the end of this course, students will hopefully:

Identify color, line, shape, texture, form, space and value. Analyze and incorporate these elements into a photograph. Have a basic understanding of digital darkroom tools, understand different file formats, and using different media storage types.

***Format and Procedures*:**

Assignments follow the basics for learning and understanding photography. There is usually enough time to finish assignments in class but usually a few hours a week is required outside of class. Each week we cover a new subject to build on the last. My hope and intent is that by the time the students have completed the course they will be able to use their “Photographers Eyes”, and compose images of good quality and content. The first of the week we will cover the objective, and have a photoshop lesson. The students will have weekly critiques on their work. They are given 5pts just for submitting a photography regardless of quality. I expect everyone to participate.

***Course Requirements*:**

* Students must have access to a digital camera and need to bring it to school every day. I have an area in my classroom for them to store them if needed.
* This camera does not need to be a DLSR a simple point and shoot will be acceptable. I highly suggest investing in rechargeable batteries if their camera does not already have one.
* No cell phone cameras will be permitted. I know this is inconvenient but unfortunately smart phones take away the basics needed to grasp the concepts being taught.
* Students will need to have a min of 8GB usb external drive by the end of the first week. This is very important for backing up their work.

I understand every student has a different vision and skill set, I encourage them to find their purpose in their pictures. All students are expected to be kind to one another and allow everyone the chance to learn and grow.

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