

# High School Digital Media Syllabus

## Forsyth, MT

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**Instructor Availability for Assistance:** 20 minutes before or after school or by appointment.

**Course Description:** Students will learn how cameras work, the basics of photography, how to use composition to make a photograph visually stronger, and how to digitally edit photographs. They will also study well known photographers and explore career possibilities associated with photography. The majority of the class time will be spent on shooting assignments, which will be done inside and outside of the building. Critiques will be done after each shooting assignment to gain a further understanding of what makes a successful photograph.

**Textbooks:** no specific are issued

**Supplies Needed:** digital camera with compatible card and battery charger

### Course Overview:

- Study of camera parts
- Internal and external lighting
- ISO, Aperture, & Shutter Speed
- White Balance
- Basic Composition
- Indoor Photography
- Landscape Photography
- Action Shots
- Abstract Shots
- Portraiture
- Candid Shots
- Black and White Photography
- Basic Photo Editing
- Maintain a digital portfolio of work during the course of the semester
- Verbal and written critiques

**Grading per Semester:**

- **Projects**      **50%**
- **Critiques**    **20%**
- **Portfolio**     **20%**
- **Reports**       **5%**
- **Final**          **5%**

**Rules and Expectations:**

- Come to class prepared with the needed equipment for the day.
- BE RESPECTFUL! Respect others, their personal space, and their property.
- Keep your language fit for all ears.
- Avoid shooting photos of others without their or the teacher's permission. Do not interrupt classes to take photographs.
- No throwing objects.
- ALWAYS clean you work area and put supplies away.
- Art works may not include images of weapons, violence, drugs, sexual implication, or symbols or words associated with any of these.
- Leaving the room during class will be allowed only when related to instruction. (Take care of thirst and personal needs between classes)
- At the end of class, remain in your seat until the bell rings.
- NO FOOD or DRINK in classroom once the bell rings.
- Electronic Devices are only allowed with permissions.
- Cell phone must be put in "envelope" before class begins and are only allowed to be used during class with permission.

**Student misconduct**

1<sup>st</sup> occurrence – warning

2<sup>nd</sup> occurrence – 15-minute detention with teacher & counselor notified

3<sup>rd</sup> occurrence – office detention

**Homework and Makeup Work:**

Assignments are to be turned in by due dates. Late submissions may result in a deduction of 10% / day off of the earned grade.

Students are to follow handbook rules for absences and need to see the teacher during non-instruction time for questions relating to assignments when absent.