

BLUE VALLEY DISTRICT CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION

Visual Arts | High School/Photography I



ORGANIZING THEME/TOPIC

FOCUS STANDARDS & SKILLS

UNIT 1: HISTORY OF PHOTOGRAPHY Imagery throughout history: pinhole, film and digital advances	 Discuss the purposes and uses of photography Talk about how photographic processes have changed through history Examine the job of a photographer and skills needed to be successful in this field
UNIT 2: CAMERA BASICS Shutter speed, aperture, ISO, light, focus, composition, light meters	 Demonstrate understanding of effective composition Create photographs and contact sheets that show understanding of shutter speed, aperture, light meter and ISO Purposefully adjust and use light to enhance photographs
UNIT 3: FILM BASICS Film processing, handling, cleaning, loading, bulk rolling	 Accurately read and use development chart, time, and temperature to correctly process film Correctly handle, roll, expose, load, process, and clean film without damaging it
UNIT 4: DARKROOM TECHNIQUES Printing, enlarging, cropping, filters, burn and dodge	 Use equipment in the darkroom to print clean, crisp photos Crop, burn, dodge, and filter to enhance print quality Maintain a clean and safe work environment
UNIT 5: IMAGE EXPLORATION Evaluation, making and critiquing images, alternative processes Suggested Projects: photograms, depth of field, action, hand coloring reflections, found letters, portraits, panorama, night shots, solarization, burned negatives, toning, sandwiched negatives	 Experiment with alternative processes to enhance black and white photos Prepare and matt work for display Make and critique personal work and the work of others



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UNIT 1: REVIEW BASICS Suggested review: Shutter speed, aperture, ISO, light, focus, composition, light meters, film processing, handling, cleaning, loading, bulk rolling, printing, enlarging, cropping, filters, burn and dodge	 Examine the job of a photographer and skills needed to be successful in this field Demonstrate understanding of effective composition Create photographs and contact sheets that show understanding of shutter speed, aperture, light meter and ISO Purposefully adjust and use light to enhance photographs Accurately read and use development chart, time, and temperature to correctly process film Correctly handle, roll, expose, load, process, and clean film without damaging it
UNIT 2: PERSONAL VISION AND STYLE	 Using suggested projects as a base, develop your own voice and style (through composition, angles, content, emotion, etc.) Reflect on your work and continue to develop and expand ideas
UNIT 3: ALTERNATIVE PROCESS EXPLORATION Suggested projects: Cyanotypes, digital negative, toning, blend prints, destroyed negatives, kaleidoscopes, paper negatives, panorama	Explore, control and manipulate processes to convey a message Demonstrate ability to use traditional alternative processes combined with contemporary techniques and methods
UNIT 4: PORTFOLIO DEVELOPMENT Suggested portfolio options: website, app based, slide show, etc.	 Develop a body of work that demonstrates growth, personal interest and artist's technical ability Clearly and effectively present your work to an audience of peers and instructors