

Graphic Design I Syllabus

CTE Course: 1115			
Course Length	One semester = 0.5 credit		

RCAS Policies/Procedures

Students will be required to follow all RCAS policies and procedures. To view the RCAS High School Student Handbook, click [handbook](#).

Course Description

Become skilled in powerful and complex software such as Adobe Photoshop and Animate that will bring your creative work to the professional level. Spend time exploring legal and ethical issues, career opportunities, fundamentals graphics (raster vs vector graphics), various Adobe software tools, drawing tablets, and basic animations. Build skills that cross a variety of careers and interests.

We will be incorporating **GMetrix** software, which is a hands-on training and testing simulation for Adobe. GMetrix aligns to both the state and national standards. GMetrix also prepares students who wish to obtain Adobe certifications, which is an industry-valued credential, in the Graphic Design 1 course.

Grading

All grading will be completed online through Canvas and the final scores will be recorded in Skyward. All grades are based on straight points. Points shall be awarded for assignments, quizzes, and tests. Points will be awarded and collected cumulatively through the year.

The district grading scale is:

A = 90-100% B = 80 – 89% C = 70 – 79% D = 60 – 69% F = Below 60%

Instructional Resources

We will be utilizing Adobe Creative Cloud on both the PC's and in the Mac Lab. We will also be using GMetrix software, and Brain Buffet. Both software programs are completely online so there is no physical textbook.

COURSE OBJECTIVES: Upon completion of this course, students will:

- Produce digital media with a variety of features.
- Produce basic animations.

Course Standards & Indicators

- GD 1: Develop an Awareness of Career Opportunities and Professionalism in Graphic Design.
- GD 2: Explore fundamentals related to graphic design.
- GD 3: Create Graphic Designs.
- GD 4: Identify and Utilize a Graphic Design Environment.

ATTENDANCE:

This is a hands-on environment, attendance is paramount. Students are expected to be in attendance for class. If students are not present, the absence must be excused for the student to receive credit for course work accomplished on the day they were absent.

ASSIGNMENTS:

- ✓ Assignments are due on the assigned day.
- ✓ Projects/Assignments need to be submitted to the correct area as instructed by the teacher.
- ✓ Students are expected to complete all components of the courseware for this class by the required due date. Late work may be given reduced, or no credit. Incomplete assignments, projects, or tests will be given no credit.

TESTS:

- ✓ GMetrix Tests are administered within the classroom through the GMetrix software and are skill-based.
- ✓ Each GMetrix test is considered a unit exam and acts as a qualifier for the Adobe Certification exam.
 - ◆ Students must score an 800 (80%) on the unit exam to be eligible for the Adobe Certification exam.
- ✓ Unit Tests will also be given during the Semester covering course objectives.
- ✓ Cheating and/or talking during tests are in progress is an automatic zero.
- ✓ If absent, tests need to be taken outside of class time on the day of student return.