

West Ranch High School
Digital Photography 1B
Spring 2019
Ms. Kornfeld

*"Your first 10,000 photographs are your worst."
- Henri Cartier-Bresson*

Introduction: West Ranch High School is committed to challenging and motivating each student to achieve excellence and become a responsible and valuable member of society. Through relationships, rigor, and relevance, West Ranch High School promotes integrity, distinction, and vision.

Course Description: Digital Photography 1B is an advanced photography course and is designed for those students who wish to explore further their interests in photography. This course will build upon skills learned in Digital Photography 1A as well as focusing on further digital techniques in Adobe Photoshop Creative Suite, such as layering, cropping, special effects and image manipulation. Just as in 1A, emphasis will be placed on composition, communication, tonality and image manipulation. Students will increase their visual awareness and their ability to read images. Historical and contemporary photography will be analyzed and discussed. The digital camera, imaging software, scanners and digital output will be reviewed and emphasized. Students will demonstrate their competency in photography through a variety of assignments and in-class experiments.

Course Grades: Grades will be computed on a point basis. Projects, assignments, exercises, journal entries, and the final project or test will be given a point value based on their importance. The maximum number of points and grading criteria will be established at the beginning of each assignment. Project points are earned for quality work, following directions, craftsmanship, originality and most importantly, **student effort**. In addition to project points, there will be points available for writing and editing activities as well as participation in class discussions. The student's grade will be calculated at the end of each five-week period, and a progress report or report card will be issued. Appropriate interventions will be provided for any student still working toward mastery of the content standards. The following scale is used to determine student grades.

A 90 – 100%
B 80 – 89%
C 70 – 79%
D 60 – 69%
F 50 -- 59%

Grades are weighted in the following categories-

Projects- 70%

Final Project- 10%

Writing- 20%

Teacher contact/extra help: Just ask! The tutorial period is a great time to come in for extra help. This occurs every school day from 8:00 to 8:25. If parents have any questions or concerns, I am available for conferences before school, during my preparation period (period 7) and after school if prearranged. Interested parents can leave a message on the voicemail system by calling (661) 222.1220 ext. 514. My school email is also available (tkornfeld@harddistrict.org) and is checked several times a day. Information can also be accessed by visiting the West Ranch

photo class website at www.westranphoto.com. As well, Remind.com is used as a method for communicating with students. Text 'egkb8d' to the number 81010 to receive assignment reminders, deadlines, etc. You can find out general school information at www.westranhighschool.com.

Attendance: Attendance is essential to learning the concepts and techniques required to succeed in this course. The best way to achieve that success is to be in class every day. The school's attendance and tardy policy will be followed in this class. When a student knows in advance that they will miss a class or be absent on an assignment due date, they must make arrangements with the teacher ahead of time to get class work and turn in assignments. For excused absences, students will have the same number of days of their absences to make up work. No make up opportunity will be allowed for students with an unexcused absence or truancy on the day a project is due.

Tardy policy: The school's tardy policy will be enforced in this class. A tardy means that you were not in the classroom when the bell concluded ringing.

Late work policy: Late work will be accepted one day late if students complete an in-class assignment on the deadline. Students who use this option will receive 50% on the project. No work will be accepted more than one class period late.

Donation: Students enrolled in this class will have many opportunities to demonstrate the skills that they are being taught through creative expression. To offer as rich a program as possible, students and their families are asked provide a voluntary contribution. Our goal for this class period is a total of **\$1120**. While your donations will go a long way toward helping us to provide the very best photography experience, no student will be precluded from participating in any activity based on whether or not he/she contributes.

Camera checkout: There are school cameras available to all West Ranch photography students for daily check out on a first come, first serve basis. Camera checkout takes place in the classroom after each class. Cameras will start to be loaned out in the next few weeks after an in-class safety demonstration and the equipment agreement has been returned with a parent signature. Since there are a limited number of cameras, it is highly recommended that students use a personal **non-cell phone camera** for projects. All projects are encouraged to be completed outside of school and transferred to school using a memory storage device or the Google Drive storage space provided to every Hart District student. Files can also be transferred using a USB drive, SD card, etc.). It is not necessary for cameras to be brought to school. All school camera checkouts for at-home use will be for one day only. Students will lose 10 points from their participation grade if the camera isn't returned the following day before 8:30. If the camera is not returned on the second day, the teacher will call home and discuss the problem with a parent. If it does not return on the third day, the student will be referred to the Student Responsibility Center until the camera is returned.

Classroom Behavior: The process of making art is often personal. Therefore, only courteous and respectful behavior will be tolerated. High school students, as young adults, have reached a level of maturity that requires them to accept full responsibility for their conduct, treatment and interactions with peers as well as instructors. The following classroom rules will be enforced.

1. Treat classmates and all school personnel with respect. Insults and derogatory comments will not be tolerated.
2. Arrive to class on time and prepared.
3. You may not eat or drink during class time. Food and drink can easily damage the computers.
4. Do not talk when the teacher is talking or during West Ranch T.V.
5. You must return to your seat before everyone is dismissed. No one will be dismissed until everyone is sitting in his or her chair. If a student has a medical situation that requires a special seat, please inform the teacher in the first week of school.
6. Cameras will be checked out for student use on a daily check out system. They must be returned the following day and in the same condition. Students will be responsible for any damages while in their possession (please see the contract below).
7. Cell phone photographs will not be accepted for any assignment.
8. The student enrolled in the class must take all the photographs for the assignments. No Internet pictures or photos taken by a classmate, family member, etc. will be accepted for any photographic assignments. Verification by the teacher will be requested if the veracity of the photograph is in question.
9. According to District policy, cell phones are “to be turned off and put away upon arriving to class and before entering any school building. Failure to comply with this policy may result in confiscation of the electronic device by school personnel.”
10. Cell phones, MP3 players and other listening devices are easily stolen and should not be on campus. However, if they are brought to school, they must remain away while the teacher is talking. They may be used at a low listening level while working at a computer.
11. Any images produced that include (but are not limited to) nudity, violence or drug/alcohol content are not permitted and appropriate disciplinary steps will be taken by the Assistant Principal’s office.

If a student is unable to follow the rules stated above, the following steps will be taken:

1. Verbal reminder
2. Student/teacher conference
3. Parent contact
4. Parent/teacher/counselor conference
5. Referral to Student Responsibility Center
6. Withdrawal from the class with NM grade and loss of credit.

Dear Parents and Fellow Art Supporters,

Here's a list of supplies that are needed in Digital Photography 1B. If you are able to donate by purchasing any of the items listed below, it would be greatly appreciated. If you are uncomfortable purchasing items online or would like to donate to the Photo Trust account directly, you may do so by sending cash with your child to the ASB office (a receipt will be provided) or with a credit card by visiting the WR ASB store. Select 'lab classes' under the drop down tab and then find 'Digital Photography'. Unfortunately, checks can no longer be accepted.

I can't tell you how much your support means to myself and the students in the photography classes at West Ranch High School. Thank you again for any amount that you're able to contribute to our program!

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Photo Paper

(Available at www.freestylephoto.biz)

Arista-II Photograde Instant Dry Inkjet Paper 8.5x11- Glossy

Arista-II Photograde Instant Dry Inkjet Paper 8.5x11- Lustre

Ink for Pixma PRO-100

(Available at Staples or Office Depot. There are also online retailers who sell these items)

Black

Gray

Light Gray

Cyan

Photo Cyan

Magenta

Photo Magenta

Yellow

West Ranch High School Photography Equipment Contract

Terms of the agreement:

1. This contract is current when dated and is good for the entire semester.
2. A student who is willfully and knowingly violating the terms of this contract will forfeit the right to check out any equipment during the rest of the semester.
3. This document constitutes a legal contract, and the parent or legal guardian of the student signs either the original or a copy matching the original shall be deemed valid.

My son/daughter _____, has my permission to use the photography equipment listed on the table below ("Listed Equipment") during the semester for class and instructional purposes in accordance with the ordinary standards of care of students at West Ranch High School, as directed by his/her teacher and required for the course. In the unlikely event that my child-

- 1) Is negligent in the possession, custody and control, loses, steals, or negligently damages the Listed Equipment, or
- 2) Negligently causes the Listed Equipment to malfunction

while it is in his/her possession, custody and control, then he/she promises to repair or pay West Ranch High School's unamortized cost of any such damage, lost or stolen Listed Equipment at his/her own expense as soon as possible, but no later than 30 days after the occurrence of the event(s) referred to above. The signature of the parent or legal guardian constitutes a guarantee the full and faithful performance of the above-described obligations by my son/daughter and West Ranch High School may enforce this agreement against the parent or legal guardian as if he/she were the primary obligor.

Equipment List (partial list)

<u>Item of Equipment</u>	<u>Estimated Value</u>
Digital Camera (Canon Rebel)	\$600
Dell Computer	\$1000
Printer (Canon Pixma PRO-100)	\$500
Tripod	\$100
Scanner	\$500

Student signature _____ date _____

*Parent/legal guardian _____ date _____

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**West Ranch High School Photography
Ms. Kornfeld**

Student Name: _____

Parent/Guardian: _____

Home phone: _____

Parent/Guardian name and cell phone: _____

Student cell phone: _____

Parent/Guardian name and e-mail: _____

Student e-mail: _____

From the parent/guardian to the teacher:

Here is some important information that I would like you to know about my child:

From the student to the teacher:

Here is some important information that I would like for you to know about me:

My signature below indicates that I have read and understand the requirements for this class as outlined in this course orientation. As well, I understand that students are **REQUIRED** to take photographs outside of school.

Student signature: _____ date: _____

Parent/Guardian signature: _____ date: _____

Parent/Guardian signature: _____ date: _____

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