

Earning an E in ART Enrichment

Your child will receive two grades in art. One grade will be a semester grade that reflects his or her understanding and application of the concepts that are taught. The second grade will be a grade for effort. The range of grades that can be given in both areas are as follows: E-excellent, S-satisfactory, N-needs improvement, and U-unsatisfactory. A grade of S indicates a student was consistently on task, participating in all activities and following the class rules.

Earning an E for the Semester Grade

2 items are required per Semester

If they choose to do so, some ways for students to earn an E for the semester grade are as follows:

- attending an extracurricular event that involves art
- reading a book about an artist and writing a paragraph about it
- completing an artwork piece at home based on a project we have done at school (if you email me I can offer ideas)
- participating in any type of program involving art

My hope is that this will encourage students to explore the arts outside of the classroom and will help them to connect what I teach with their world outside of school. For any enrichment opportunity that a student participates in, you can submit documentation via my eClass dropbox, send in a simple note from you, a flyer, or a ticket stub. Book activities and art projects may also be turned in to me.

The effort grade is one that gives each student some room to make mistakes and yet establishes boundaries to which each student must adhere. At the beginning of the year, I discuss with the students the rules that are necessary to maintain a proper learning environment. These rules will be posted in the art room, and students will be gently reminded of them. Because art is such an interactive class, the rules are not terribly restrictive. They are based on general guidelines for maintaining structure and order in the art room environment, such as entering the room quietly, not talking when the teacher is talking, remaining on task, etc.

Earning an E in Music

Each semester, your students will receive a grade for music class using the following scale.

- E - excellent
- S - satisfactory
- N - needs improvement
- U - unsatisfactory

The expected level of performance is **S- satisfactory**. An S in music class means that the student consistently participated in class and made appropriate progress toward mastering grade level AKS for music.

This includes class activities in the areas of **creating, performing, responding, and connecting**.

A grade of an E in music reflects work above and beyond the scope of regular class activities. Therefore, an E will be achieved by students who complete any of the following music enrichment projects outside of school hours.

- Project 1: Compose or Arrange a Song
- Project 2: Attend a Concert
- Project 3: Performance Outside of School
- Project 4: Taking Lessons Outside of School

Detailed requirements for the enrichment projects are available via eClass. Projects and reflections can be turned in to Ms. Curry or via eClass.

Please contact Ms. Curry at meaghan_curry@gwinnett.k12.ga.us if you would like more information. I am happy to schedule time to work with students to come up with an idea for their project and/or to support them in finishing!