

Digital Animation Class

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Welcome students and parents to our Digital Animation class. This elective course will be fun, challenging, and rewarding for students. In order for learning to occur in a positive environment, basic rules and procedures need to be followed. Please read the following material and at the very bottom please sign and turn in the form on Haiku's dropbox. Also, keep a copy of this information for yourself. A digital copy can be found at:

<http://www.mrschang.com/animation/>

Class Summary

Students will learn to create animations and apply the principles of animation through the visual electronic art form of 2D animation. Storyboarding, character development, visual storytelling skills will be developed as students' complete individual and group projects that incorporate the basic techniques of animation including staging, timing, and mechanics and learn to critique based on the principles of animation and good story development.

What Students Will Learn

- Gain hands-on experience in 2D animation development.
- Explore the evolution of animation from a historical and cultural perspective.
- **Identify and apply the twelve principles of animation through hands-on projects.**
- Demonstrate an understanding of how to use the tools and equipment of the 2D animator.
- Apply different methods of creating 2D imagery.
- Understand the concept of time line for animations.
- Apply frame-by-frame of key-frame animation as properly applicable to the animation situation.
- Demonstrate an understanding of the process of critique, evaluation, and revision based on feedback from others.
- Create a portfolio of work that showcases projects from each semester.

Student Responsibilities

1. Students are responsible for the proper use and care for all equipment.
2. Students are to be respectful, considerate, courteous, and demonstrate Centurion P.R.I.D.E behavior to other students, guests, teachers, and the school equipment.
3. Students are to inform their parents of their progress in class. Students are to write the daily agenda in their planner. <http://www.mrschang.com/calendar/>
 - a. Parents, please speak with your child first about his/her missing work and/or progress in the class before contacting the teacher.

- b. Opening the line of communication between all 3 parties (child, parent, and teacher) is greatly encouraged as it will make sure all everyone is aware of the same question/concern.
4. Students are allowed to use the classroom equipment and computers ONLY for projects and assignments for the Digital Animation class unless given specific permission by their teacher.
 - a. Students who use Digital Animation class-time for other class assignments (example: history homework, math homework, English homework, etc.) will lose regrade privileges for the semester.
 - b. Parents will be notified when student loses regrade privileges for the semester.**
_____ parent initials _____ student initials
5. Students will NOT delete, access, edit or modify files and other electronic media from other students. *This is considered academic dishonesty and will result in suspension and/or removal from the class.*
6. Students are to follow the Anaheim Union High School District's policies for computer and Internet use.
7. Students are responsible for saving and making backup copies of their work. Student work is to be saved on the school's computer, network, and Google Drive.
8. Students are to submit their work in the proper format (such as a MOV type file) to the proper online dropbox.
9. Students are to submit a grade change for late, missing, or regrade assignments requests via <http://www.mrschang.com/regrade/>
10. Students are to abide by all behavior, dress code, & responsibilities listed in the student handbook & on the classroom policy webpage <http://www.mrschang.com/faq/>

All equipment must be:

- checked out according to class procedures: student ID and sign-out sheet.
 - handled and treated with extreme care.
 - stored in its case(s) and returned to its proper location by the end of each class.
 - reported and returned to the teacher immediately if it is malfunctioning or damaged.
- Failure to return equipment after one warning will result in a referral to the assistant principal, along with a bill for the cost of the equipment. The bill will be marked "paid" when the equipment is returned in good condition.***

Failure to follow these rules and procedures may result in the following:

- detention
- loss of regrade privileges
- lowering of project or class grade
- restricted or banned use of classroom equipment or computers
- removal from the class

- placed on a classroom attendance or behavior contract

Grades and Re-do an Assignment/Project

Grades will be based on a point system. All work will have a point value for completion – projects has more points than assignments and participation.

The more completed work you turn in = the more points you get = higher grade.

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Activities (Approx %)		Grading Scale	
Participation & Critiques	~20%	100% or higher = A	79% - 70% = C+,C,C-
Tests & Quizzes	~10%	99% - 90% = A, A-	69% - 60% = D+,D,D-
Daily Work/Assignments	~30%	89% - 80% = B+,B, B-	59% or less = F
Projects	~40%		
Total	100%	A+ will be given to students who earned 99% or higher & received an A on the semester final.	

All work is due by the deadline date in order to receive full credit.

Assignments/Projects that is more than 3 days late will receive 0 points.

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Students are allowed to re-do any assignment or project which received a grade of C+ or lower for more credit. Students have 2 weeks to request a re-do/re-grade. However, end-of-the-semester assignments/projects cannot be re-graded as there is not enough time in the grading period to redo the assignment. Any assignments/projects that does not have enough time to re-graded will be announced prior to the start of the assignment/project.

All re-graded assignments must be turned in within two weeks of when they received their original grade.

Students are to follow the re-grade policy at <http://www.mrschang.com/regrade/>.

- If a student **does not make any changes** to the assignment in the dropbox and still submits for a grade change then he or she will receive the SAME grade and will not receive another regrade opportunity.

Absences and Make-Up Exam/Work (school policies)

Students are to have all absences and truancies verified according to **Cypress High School policies**. Students, who accumulate 10 (ten) unexcused absences in class, may receive a failing course grade for that semester and may be removed from the class. This is a school policy.

Every 5 UNEXCUSED tardies may result in the lowering of the student’s course grade by one full letter grade. This is a school policy.

Truant students will not be allowed to make up exams, assignments, or projects. This is a school policy.

Make-up work is allowed only for excused absences and is due one day after the student returns to school, or as agreed upon between teacher and student or parent. This is a school policy.

What You Will Do if You Have Questions or Problems about Digital Animation?

- Talk to Mrs. Chang. Asking questions solves a lot of problems and lessens frustrations.
- E-mail Mrs. Chang at: **chang_s@auhsd.us**
- Phone: **714-220-4144 Ext. 28327**
- Come to **Room 327** at lunch, 6th period, after-school Wednesdays, or Saturday Academy.
- Come to **Room 327** during 3rd Period Check In & Connect

Please fill out and sign below stating that you have read the above curriculum/course participation letter. If you have any questions, please let Mrs. Chang know as soon as possible.

Student (printed name)

Parent(s) (printed name)

Student Signature

Parent(s) Signature

Period #

Date