**8th Grade Art Syllabus**

**Ridge Road Middle School**

**Course Name:** Grade 8 Photography/Yearbook

**Teacher**: Mrs. Brashear

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**Tutoring Times:** Monday of each week 8:15 AM or by appointment,

***\**** *Students will also participate in yearbook club second semester, in order to complete spring semester requirements (TBA)*

**Course**: Students will review the basics of photographic composition and lighting, the basics of using a digital camera and the basics of preparing a digital darkroom. Students will use this knowledge to complete a 2014-15 class yearbook for their peers and staff at Ridge Road Middle School. Students will also familiarize themselves with Jostens color and layout software and be responsible for graphics, photos and writing within the yearbook.

**Course Objectives:** After completing this course, the student will be able to:

1. Successfully use a digital camera to make images and include them in a layout all while working within given guidelines.

2. Explain and apply color schemes, font and design choices

3. Explain and apply the various characteristics found throughout the yearbook

4. Explain and apply the fundamental tools of image and design processing to their work.

5. Explain the hardware and software requirements for a creating a layout and analyze their systems in terms of those requirements.

6. Explain and apply the [elements and principles of art](https://montanadigitalacademy.mrooms3.net/mod/lesson/view.php?id=80325) to create a cohesive portfolio.

7. Build awareness of school activities throughout the year

**Supplies:** : Any digital camera of 4 megapixels or more with a minimum 3x zoom lens.

Digital only zooms are permitted but not recommended.

**CAMERA PHONES ARE NOT ACCEPTABLE CAMERAS FOR THIS CLASS.**

***Requirements: Students will need to sign up for at least one afterschool activity to be documented for the yearbook***

**Grading Scale:**

A 100-93

B 92-85

C 84-77

D76-70

F Below 70, Failing