

Course Title: Communication Technologies (grade 9)

Course Description: Visually communicate your ideas through photography, screen printing, and computer technologies. This class will give the student an opportunity to experience the procedures of design, layout, and production of printed products. Basic principles of photographic communication will be taught, with emphasis given to camera operation and composition. Desktop publishing and other communication techniques will be taught. Students will be exposed to a variety of lab activities to develop and build on learned skills. Upon successful completion of the **Communication Technologies** course, a student will earn credit for the **MN Academic Standard for the Arts/Media, a graduation requirement.**

Course Outline:

- Visually communicate ideas through photography, printing and computer technologies.
- Be given an opportunity to experience the procedures of design, layout and production of printed products.
- Be taught the basic principles of photographic communication with emphasis given to camera operation and composition.
- Be exposed to a variety of lab activities meant to develop and build problem solving skills and responsibility.

Course Schedule/Assignments: Class is one trimester in length and 55 minutes per day. Assignments include study in:

- Basic principles of layout and design.
- Problem solving skills (hands on application of knowledge to achieve a solution).
- Knowledge of systems (methods using logic and creativity to meet specific goals).
- Generating products using modern communication techniques.

Course Grading Criteria and Grading Scale:

A = 90 – 100%

B = 80 – 89%

C = 70 – 79%

D = 60-69%

Course Expectations:

Work within the boundaries of the class rules to complete homework and lab projects **of the highest quality in a timely manner.**