

## **Berrien Springs Partnership Lab Syllabus and Instructor Qualifications**

**Community Class Title:** Introduction to Art

**Grade or Age Levels:** 3-5 Grade

**Format:** In person

**Day and time of week:** Mondays and Wednesdays, 1pm-2pm from September 8-October 29th. (The week of November 3rd will be for make up days in case of cancellations due to inclement weather)

**Total Required Hours:** 16

**Additional Possible Hours:** 2

**Total Semester Hours Possible:** 18

**Location:** Hope Community Church of Niles  
2390 Lake St.  
Niles, MI 49120

**Primary Instructor:** Cassandra French

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**Additional Registration at site required?** No

**Instructor Qualifications:** Cassandra French is a homeschooling mother of three who has taught art classes in a broad range of settings, including private Christian schools as well as public/community school settings. She has curated and taught art classes to students from second grade to adult, directed the challenge B program for Classical Conversations of South Bend, and currently provides private art instruction for high school students and adults. Cassandra has also written and illustrated a number of children's books for publication. She studied portraiture under Master Artist Nicole Troup, and is passionate about sharing her experiences with other growing artists.

**Course Description (overview):** Students will learn the fundamentals of art from graphite pencil to acrylic paint, three dimensional art and textiles. Each week students will have an opportunity to explore various media, and try their hands at various projects. This course is designed for students who have had little to no formal art instruction, and for beginning artists who want to experience a range of approaches and a variety of mediums.

**Syllabus/Outline:** Weekly breakdown of project-based learning lab activities

**Course Objectives and Approximate Target Dates:**

**Student assessment:** Student agrees to attend at least 80% of class sessions/lessons offered. Attendance is kept online and tracked by Partnership staff. Failure to meet 80% or be on track to meet 80% may result in program discontinuation.

**Class Policies: Attendance, Behavior, Weather, etc.:**

**Attendance:** Students must attend 80% of class sessions offered. Absences should be communicated to the instructor in advance when possible.

**Behavior:** Foul language, aggressive and/or violent behavior toward other students, the instructor, others in the building or even toward themselves will not be tolerated. In the case of foul language, one warning will be issued along with parental notification. Continued use of foul language will result in consideration for removal from the class. In the case of violent/aggressive behavior, the student will immediately be removed from the program. Additionally, the content of students work should not depict violent, bloody or graphic content. This would result in said project not being accepted and the student losing credit for that project, along with parental notification.

**Weather:** We will follow the Niles public school cancellation policy, meaning that if the Niles Public Schools are closed due to inclement weather, class will be cancelled for that day with a make up day scheduled at the end of the semester.