

# Berrien Springs Partnership Lab Syllabus and Instructor Qualifications

LABS (CLASSES) ARE PROVIDED AS AN EDUCATIONAL SOURCE FOR PBL (PROJECT BASED LEARNING)

## COMMUNITY CLASS TITLE: Prosper Arts- Masterclass

**GRADE OR AGE LEVELS:** Grades 6-12

**Maximum Students:** 14 maximum (4 students minimum per class)

**FORMAT:** IN-PERSON

**DAY AND TIME OF THE WEEK:** Tuesdays 5:30 - 7:00 pm starting January 27, 2026

**TOTAL REQUIRED HRS:** 80 percent (10 classes)

**TOTAL SEMESTER HOURS POSSIBLE:** 18 hours

**LOCATION:** 117 W Ferry St. Berrien Springs Mi. - Studio is located above the Rabbit Yarn shop. Parking is on the street and the entrance is in the back. (Look for the green Prosper Arts signs)

**INSTRUCTOR:** *Heather West*

**CONTACT INFORMATION:** Heather's Phone: 269-351-2351 (call or text)

## REGISTRATION AT SITE ADDITIONAL REQUIRED?

Yes. You will receive an email with a waiver to sign or it can be filled out at the first class.

## INSTRUCTOR QUALIFICATIONS:

Mrs. West has several years of business, teaching, and professional art experience. She was very excited to open the Prosper Arts Llc studio and offer creative classes to students locally.

## COURSE DESCRIPTION (OVERVIEW):

Masterclass meets Tuesdays 5:30- 7:00pm beginning January 27, 2026.

This class may focus on projects in several styles chosen by teacher and students together (Realism, animated, impressionism, abstract, etc) The goal is for students to grow in the area of art they already love while the teacher chooses some projects and new mediums to challenge students to grow and try new techniques. Often, students in this class are able to focus and learn quickly which allows us to create large scale projects that can take several weeks to complete. It is common for students to only complete one or two large projects throughout the semester, especially when we focus on light, depth, and proportions in more realistic styles. There will be a snack provided during each class.

## SYLLABUS/OUTLINE: WEEKLY BREAKDOWN OF PROJECT-BASED LEARNING LAB ACTIVITIES:

(This class has flexible project timelines that will be tailored to fit the needs of each class. New projects/prompts will be given each semester to accommodate returning students and challenge them to try new techniques according to individual skill levels.)

## COURSE OBJECTIVES AND APPROXIMATE TARGET DATES:

By the end of the semester, students should have all projects completed displaying techniques learned in class.

## STUDENT ASSESSMENT - what will be used to evaluate student progress and/or end of semester pass/fail status?

- 1) 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.
- 2) The Partnership Student Assessment or Performance Form is filled out by the teacher and turned in to Partnership staff. The link to this form is found on the web page for this class. Failing marks for lack of participation, behavior issues, practice time, etc. may result in program discontinuation.

### **Class-specific assessment:**

The Partnership Student Assessment form is filled out by the teacher and turned in to the

Partnership staff.

### **CLASS POLICIES: ATTENDANCE, BEHAVIOR, WEATHER, ETC.**

**Attendance:** Students are required to attend at least 8 classes for the semester. Please notify in advance by text if your student will be absent.

**Weather:** If classes are canceled due to weather, a text will be sent out at least two hours prior to class start times. Snow days will coincide with berrien springs public schools.

**Behavior:** Students are expected to treat others with kindness, listen, and follow instructions.

**Other:** Snacks will be provided during each class. We will do our best to accommodate everyone but please plan to bring a snack if your student has allergies.