

Whiteaker Middle School  
**Video Productions – 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> grade**  
Sweeney



## SYLLABUS:

### **General Course Description:**

Video Productions is a project based course that teaches the basics of filmmaking and understanding films. The class explores how to use iPads, video cameras, editing equipment, lighting, and sound to effectively tell a story with pictures. This class also stresses the different tools a director uses to enhance his or her overall production. Students learn through hands-on training as well as experiencing quality professional films. Video Productions will give the students the opportunity to learn leadership skill, time management, and how to function effectively as part of a team. Students will rotate through various production positions, e.g. camera operator, audio, producer, director, on-air talent. All students work in groups.

### **Goals:**

This course is designed to familiarize you with the tools and processes associated with Video Productions.

1. You will develop a familiarity with the artistic and aesthetic aspects of video productions.
2. You will develop a mastery of the technical aspect of video production.
3. You will grasp the theoretical and general concepts behind the use of specific tools and processes.
4. You will become comfortable with the operation of a small production studio.
5. You will develop critical thinking and evaluative skills and become a media savvy viewer.

### **Video Production Assignments:**

1. "ABC" Lettering Assignment
2. Camera Angle Assignment
3. Sequencing Assignment
4. Silent Film
5. Music Video/Lip Synch
6. Whiteaker TV News Broadcast
7. Staff/Student Interviews
8. Commercials
9. Public Service Announcements
10. Documentary

### **Expectations:**

Students are expected to bring their binder, *writing paper*, *writing utensil* and to be prepared to work during the allotted studio.

**Late Work:**

Late work will be accepted one day late at a reduction of 10%. Students with excused absences and illnesses will be allowed to make-up work as many days as they have been ill. However, since this is a group based class, it is extremely important for all members to be present.

**Tag Consideration:**

In Video Productions students will be pre-assessed on the knowledge and skills that will be learned in the subject/course. The purpose of this pre-assessment is to find out what students already know and are able to do to avoid repetition and to give the student access to advanced and/or accelerated content.

Formal or informal pre-assessment may include tests, student input and self-evaluation, placement test, specific teacher observational data, lab demonstration or test, work samples, fist of five, thumbs up/thumbs down, or other forms of pre-assessment.

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I \_\_\_\_\_ have read and I understand my responsibilities and expectations as a Video Productions student. I have also shared this information with my parents/guardians.

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Student

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Date

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Parent

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Date

Parent/Guardian e-mail \_\_\_\_\_