

# Mr. Lavendel's Computer Digital Media I Class

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This class is project-based survey focused on using the computer as a tool for creating a broad range of digital media. The digital media topics covered, and events include:

- ⇒ Illustration with Photoshop, Procreate & Illustrator
- ⇒ Graphic Design and layout with InDesign
- ⇒ Video & Sound with Premier, After Effects & iMovie
- ⇒ 2D Animation with Adobe Animate
- ⇒ Field Trips, Guest Speakers
- ⇒ Art Gallery walks and critique

The main goal of the class is to teach you to be productive users of key digital media tools. **Photoshop** used to correct and modify pictures, to create web page elements and original artwork. **Procreate** to create tablet-based illustrations. **Illustrator** used to create Posters, logos and original artwork. **InDesign** used to create professional layouts of documents (i.e. books, brochures and posters). **Premier, After Effects & iMovie** to create stop animations, slide shows and videos. **Animate** to create 2D animated graphics.

As the course progresses, you will be learning the basics of **how to use and manage a computer**, including working and navigating in a computer networked environment, and how to store, organize and protect your personal data. You will be learning a bit about how the computer works and about the fundamentals of good information design, specifically: some of the **basic principles of movie making and sound editing, graphic layout and design, typography and color theory**.

We will also be looking at the extent, practice and meanings of digital media in our computerized society. Here the main aim of the class will be to learn about **internet safety and ethics**, and to demystify media by deconstructing media technologies and practices and by challenging you to be **critical media thinkers** instead of passive media consumers.

In the Spring we will hook you into PilotCity to give you the opportunity to work with an industry, non-profit or governmental partner on a work project. And at the end of the year there will be the opportunity to apply for paid summer internship with that partner.

Class curriculum, projects and assignments will center on themes of social Emotional health and social/economic justice and activism.

## Classroom & Lab Procedures

### R.I.C.H.

**Respect, Safety and Care for People, Community, Environment & Equipment.**

**Integrity:** Follow through: do what you say you will do.

**Courage:** Have the courage to talk about and do what you believe in.

**Honesty:** If you make a mistake, own it, learn from it & move on.

- **No Cell-Phone use during class** put away as per MEHS policy. Students may listen to music on headphones while doing independent seatwork.
- **No putdowns** or inappropriate language. Common courtesy and mutual respect is expected from everyone. Respect yourself, others, the environment, equipment, and your adult mentors. Say and do only those things that will build and help the community and learning space in this classroom.
- For the health and safety of our equipment there needs to be: **No Food & Drink in this classroom!** *Reality check:* I know that many of you will be eating and drinking here anyway. So don't hide it, be responsible and keep your food, drinks and trash as far away from the computers as possible. Pick-up, recycle and throw your trash away. No food and drink spillage. Control your consumption: think about what you are eating and drinking. **NO GUM!**
- At the end of class log-off, cleanup and straighten-up your workspace before leaving. Please respect the computers and the classroom so that others can comfortably use the space and equipment after you.
- You are encouraged to help each other and collaborate with work in class. **BUT YOU MUST DO AND TURN-IN YOUR OWN WORK!**

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## Materials

All textbooks, workbooks, simulation packets, and classroom equipment will be provided.

## Classwork & Homework

There will be little, or no homework assigned in this class. All of the assignments and projects are to be done during class time; there will be plenty of time allocated in class to finish them. There are no textbooks and the lessons are all participatory. Because of these factors, regular attendance is essential for your learning, achievement, and grade: **you must be in class**. If you cannot accomplish the work in class then you must finish it at home or during a free period at school. I am also available to help you with your classwork, by appointment, outside of class time.

**You are responsible for all of the work.** If you are absent, for whatever reason, you must determine what has been assigned, complete it and turn it in a timely manner. All of the assignments, projects, quizzes, tests and mindfulness journal prompts can be found in Google Classroom and on the daily class web pages at: <http://www.ikitomi.com/MtEden/MediaI.html>.

My **Grading Policy** is that there is a 20% deduction for anything turned in past deadline and a 50% deduction for any assignments turned in a week late, OR MORE. You can ALWAYS get at least half the points if you turn it in by the end of the semester. AND... please talk to me about anything going on for you around your missed assignments. The key here is your COMMUNICATION—with me!

## Google Classroom

Practically all of the assignments will be given and turned in online through Google Classroom. You must check and use Google Classroom and the Google Apps to complete assignments and to turn them in. There are some regular weekly assignments to be filled out in Google Docs and turned into Google classroom—your weekly Lifeline (Kick-off questions), and Inspiration Notebook and Mindfulness Journal entries.

## Tests & Quizzes

This is a project-based class, all of the Unit Final Exams will be practical tests, showing your skills at using a program. If there are quizzes, they will be taken online, accessible from Google classroom. If you wish to improve your score, quizzes may be retaken at any time up until the end of the semester in which they were given: if you wish to do so you must tell me so I can delete your previous quiz submission. You must schedule a time outside of class to retake a practical skill test.

## Participation

A lot of the work in class is in class and is graded as participation. Participation grade points include Lesson exercises, Inspiration Notebook, YOYOs, Work Sheets, Assigned Notes, Mindfulness Journal and Lifelines.

## Grading

Grades are determined by a point system. The points given are weighted according to this scale:

30%	Participation
25%	Assignments
40%	Projects
05%	Tests & Quizzes

Grades are determined by the percentage earned of the total points possible and letter grades are assigned as follows:

100–88%	A
87–67%	B
66–46%	C
45–25%	D
24–0%	F