



Dear Visual Arts Level I Students and Parents,

Congratulations on your acceptance to the Level I Visual Arts program. We are looking forward to an exciting year at NOCCA. Below are some things you will need to know to ensure a successful year.

Start of Classes: All students are required to attend Student Prelude on **Wednesday, August 15th, 2018 at 4:00pm. This is a mandatory event.** Your first day of class will be on **Thursday, August 16th, 2018 at 4:00pm.** Tardiness will not be accepted; every effort should be made to get to NOCCA on time and stay for the entire class, which ends at 6:30pm. Students may want to bring a snack to eat on the way to NOCCA or before and there are vending machines in the canteen. If the student is in Academic Studio, he/she should report to class at 8:00am.

Attendance: Because the visual arts program is studio-based, absences should be kept to a minimum (no more than three per semester). If your student is absent, a note explaining the reason should accompany them the day that they return and can be turned into the front office. An email can also be sent to Yvette Cuccia at ycuccia@nocca.com.

Home Assignments: An important part of the visual arts program is our weekly home assignments. Instructions for these assignments are given out one week before they are due; they are always due on Mondays. Home assignments are an important part of your student's grade and their growth in the visual arts program and consequently we have stiff penalties for missing them. If your student misses **more than ONE home assignment** in a single grading period, he/she will be placed on probation and receive a "C," regardless of their other class grades. A "C" at NOCCA is a failing grade, which must be brought up to a "B" or higher by the next grading period or the student's enrollment will be jeopardized. If an assignment is brought in late (on Tuesday through Friday of the week the assignment is due), the piece, no matter how well executed, will be graded at a "C" or below. If the assignment is not brought in by Friday of the week the assignment is due, the grade will turn to an "F" and cannot be made up.

NOCCA's program is challenging and all students will need the active support of their families in order to thrive. You are an important part in your child's success and we look forward to working with you.

Cordially,

The NOCCA Visual Arts Faculty

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