

Digital Media I – Syllabus
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Course Description: This course focuses on the six principles of digital media: Audio, Video, Graphics, Web Design, Animation, and Business/Legal/Safety Issues.

We will be using computers, cameras and video cameras to create professional-level projects.

The goal of this class is to provide students with skills they can use in a work environment.

Recommended Purchase: Flash Drive (at least 2gb) for storage of projects. There are some flash drives available for use in the classroom, but students share these and projects often get deleted or the flash drive becomes lost (I started with 30 of them – I'm down to less than 10). The easiest way to keep projects safe is for each student to have their own flash drive. You can purchase a 2GB flash drive for less than \$10 at most retailers. It can also be used for other classes here at Topsail High, so it is a wise investment.

Tutoring: I am available to help students between 3:30 and 4:15 Monday and Wednesday. I'll also be available during "Power Hour" and I will give you more details when I know the times. Let me know if you plan to attend, and do not hesitate to ask for assistance.

Grading: Digital Media is a product-driven, performance-based, hands-on course. Students must do the work to be successful and they must be in class to do the work. This class will be project-based, so the majority of the grade will come from the hands-on work done in the classroom.

Determining Grade for 1st and 2nd Nine Weeks of Semester:
Projects: 40% (projects will be based on the current unit being studied)
End of Unit Tests: 30% (there is a test after each unit – including a midterm)
Open Note Quizzes: 20%
Classroom Work/Participation: 10% (students are expected to participate in class)

Determining Semester Grade:
First Nine Weeks Average: 37.5%
Second Nine Weeks Average: 37.5%
Final Exam: 25% (100 question test provided by the State)

Tests: There will be an open note test for each unit, a closed note test for each unit, a 75 question midterm, and a final exam at the end of the semester. The material will be reviewed before each test so you should be properly prepared. I create all the tests during the semester, but a state agency creates the final exam.

Progress Reports: Progress reports will be issued on a regular basis throughout the semester. Please bring this home to your family.

Internet: All students must have internet privileges on the school computers. If you do not have a user name and password, you must go to the media center and get one.

Please use the Topsail High School Digital Media web site for constant updates on this class.

- You can get there through the home page: <http://thspcs.sharpschool.com>
- Or directly through my page:
http://thspcs.sharpschool.com/academics/career_and_technical_education/kevin_hull/
- We have a Facebook page: search Topsail Digital Media and "like" the page
- We have a twitter account: <https://twitter.com/THSDigitalMedia>
- I am reachable via email at: kevin_hull@pender.k12.nc.us

Classroom Procedures/Class Rules: These procedures were established to ensure a smooth and organized classroom. If you follow them, the class will be more enjoyable for all of us.

- You are expected to make up any work/tests you miss on days you are absent.
- Only under extreme circumstances are project due dates flexible.
- Don't be late. Be in the classroom when the bell rings. Not the hallway outside.
 - LATE POLICY – I will mark you late if you are not here.
- Do not skip this class. I check every absence: if you skip, you will be caught.
- We will work from bell-to-bell. There is a lot to accomplish in this class, so do not pack up early or show up late.
- Turn computer on at the start of class.
- Make sure everything is working properly with your computer before class begins
- Read “objective board” when you come in so you know what the day’s project is.
- No excessive talking, disruption, or interruption.
- Drinks must be placed at the table in the front of the room for the entire class period.
- No cell phones are allowed in class. No Texting.
 - CELL PHONE POLICY – if I see the phone, I take it.
- Adhere to Topsail High School dress code. I will send you to an administrator if you do not.
- Do not play online games or watch videos. If you are caught repeatedly, you will lose your computer privileges and will be given an alternate assignment.
- iPods or portable music players can be used when working on individual assignments, but can not be used during lecture days or anytime Mr Hull is speaking. You can not use your phone as an mp3 player.
- Ask permission to use the bathroom. Do not leave the room without a pass.
- Make sure all class notes and assignment sheets go into your three ring binders.
- Do not wait until the last minute to inform me of any issues/problems you may be having with the assignment.
- Respect the equipment! The computers, cameras, and video cameras we use are VERY expensive. Treat them as your own. You will be held accountable for anything that breaks/disappears while you are using it.