





# **Principles of Architecture & Construction**

Course Syllabus 2015-2016

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**COURSE DESCRIPTION:** Principles of Architecture and Construction provides an overview to the various fields of architecture, interior design, construction science, and construction technology. Achieving proficiency in decision making and problem solving is an essential skill for career planning and lifelong learning. Students use self-knowledge, educational, and career information to set and achieve realistic career and educational goals. Jobspecific, skilled training can be provided through the use of training modules to identify career goals in trade and industry areas. Safety and career opportunities are included, in addition to describing green and sustainable building practices and standards, work ethics and job-related study in the classroom such as communications; problem solving and critical thinking.

\*This is an ATC certified course. The Advanced Technical Credit (ATC) Program gives high school students a chance to receive credit at participating community colleges across Texas for taking certain enhanced technical courses during high school.

## **CLASS SUPPLIES**

- 1. #2 Pencils
- 2. Class Notebook

### ATTENDANCE POLICY

Punctuality is an important personal characteristic. All students are responsible for attending class and arriving on time. Regular attendance at school is extremely important! BISD attendance policy will be enforced at all times.

#### **CLASSROOM RULES:**

- 1. Arrive to class on time every day.
- 2. Be prepared with all appropriate materials.
- 3. Respect the teacher and other adults
- 4. Be friendly and cooperative with fellow classmates
- 5. Be polite, truthful and honest at all times.
- 6. Follow all instructions carefully
- 7. Do not bring food or drinks into class.

#### **ELECTRONIC DEVICES**

A student shall obtain prior approval before using personal telecommunications or other personal electronic devices for on-campus instructional purposes.

## **COMPUTER/INTERNET USE**

The use of a computer is for academic purposes only. Students will not be allowed to use the computers for any activities that have not been approved by the instructor. We will strictly follow the rules stated in the Veterans Memorial High School Student Code of Conduct in regards to what is not permitted during on-line usage. Violations may result in suspension or revocation of on-line access as well as other student disciplinary or legal action.

#### DRESS CODE

Students are expected to follow campus and BISD dress code at all times.

Failure to comply with the classroom rules and policies will result in the implementation of the Veterans Memorial Discipline plan. Please note, BISD's Student Code of Conduct will be adhered to on all other student code violations not included in this syllabus.

#### **GRADES**

BISD grading policy will be implemented at all times. Student's grades will be calculated based on daily work averages and test averages. Progress reports will be sent the third week of each six-week period. Please note: Teacher Access Center, the electronic grade book, can be accessed by parents through the Internet via an access code and password.

#### MAKE-UP WORK

No student, who has an excused or unexcused absence, will be refused an opportunity to make up work if he/she is absent. The student will be given the same number of days as the number of days he/she was absent to turn in the work. Students absent only on a known test day will be expected to take a test upon return. If any student has been absent the day prior to an announced test and if nothing new has been covered, the student will be expected to take the test at the regularly scheduled time. It is the sole responsibility of the student to make arrangements for make-up work on the day he/she returns to school. Any student who does not appear for a prearranged make-up test or does not meet his prearranged due date for other work may receive a zero (0) on that test, work, or retesting. Any student missing work due to participation in extracurricular activities must make prior arrangements with the teacher for work that will be missed.

#### **CHEATING**

Cheating is interpreted as a procedure which involves the unauthorized giving or receiving help, offering or seeking aid, or the use of material prepared in advance for use on an assignment / assessment. Cheating also involves the use of electronic devices, books, or notes in any form being used during an examination without the permission of the teacher. Retesting will not be allowed in this situation. If a student cheats on any part of a test and/or assignment given in parts, he will receive a zero(s) only in the part where the cheating occurred.

### RETESTS

Retesting will take place upon student failure and student request except for research papers, major projects, benchmarks, and semester exams. It is the student's responsibility to make arrangements for the retest. No retests are available for semester exams or for students who received a "0" for cheating.

## **CLASS WEBPAGE**

The class webpage will serve as a resource for the classroom. I will maintain the webpage up to date in a timely manner as to facilitate the access to important class information. http://www.vmhsarchitecture.weebly.com

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# **Course Syllabus Acknowledgement Form**

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I am here to serve the educational needs of your child. I am looking forward to having your son/daughter in my class and to having a great year. If you should feel the need to speak with me, please feel free to call the phone number above or email me. I will return your call/email as soon as possible. My conference period is from 12:00 pm to 12:45 pm (5th Period).

	Mrs. Erika Flores
I have received a copy of the course syllabus and cl	lassroom rules for Mrs. Flores' classroom.
Student's Printed Name	
Student's Signature	
Parent/Guardian Signature	

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