



Northern York County School District

Curriculum Overview

Course: Motion Graphics

Grade Level: 9-12

Approval Date: March 2023

Length of Time: 90 days / 0.5 credits

Course Description:

Prerequisite: Introduction to Graphic Design

This semester-based course introduces students to the world of motion graphics using Adobe Illustrator, Adobe Photoshop, Adobe Dimension & Adobe After Effects. Students will expand their knowledge on the seven elements of graphic design, dive deeper into photo & vector editing and be introduced to the relationship between movement, 2D, and 3D design. This course is intended to allow students to realize their advertisement and promotional ideas.

Course Objectives:

- Students will understand and apply the seven elements of the graphic design process.
- Students will know and use non-fiction reading strategies to improve their technical reading ability.
- Students will exhibit advanced use of Adobe Illustrator.
- Students will exhibit advanced use of Adobe Photoshop.
- Students will demonstrate basic use of Adobe Dimension.
- Students will develop basic use of Adobe After Effects.

Related Standards:

Pennsylvania State Standards:

- Know that information technologies involve encoding, transmitting, receiving, storing, retrieving, and decoding.

Pennsylvania Technology and Engineering Standards:

Design & Technology

- Apply a broad range of design skills to a design thinking process.
- Implement and critique principles, elements, and factors of design.
- Optimize a design by addressing desired qualities within criteria and constraints while considering trade-offs.

Standards for Technological and Engineering Literacy:

- Illustrate principles, elements, and factors of design.

Units:

1. Elements of Design
2. Illustrator/Photoshop - Advanced Functions
3. Introduction to Dimension
4. Introduction to After Effects

Concepts:

- Elements of graphics design.
- Reading technical instructions.
- Use of Adobe Illustrator.
- Use of Adobe Photoshop.
- Use of Adobe Dimension.
- Use of Adobe After Effects.

Competencies:

- Students will learn dive deeper into the 7 elements of design: Balance/Alignment, Contrast, Emphasis, Movement, Proportions, Repetition, White Space.
- Students will expand their knowledge of the tools in Illustrator: Selection, Direct Selection, Pen, Type Tools (Type, Type on a path, Vertical Type, Area Type), Shape Tools (Rectangle, Ellipse, Polygon, Star, Line), Rotate, Scale, Reflect, Sheer Tools. Eraser, Gradient, Fill & Stroke.
- Students will expand their knowledge of panels in Illustrator: Properties, Layers, Colors, Colors Guide, & Swatches.
- Students will expand knowledge in Photoshop: Move, Marquee Tools (Rectangle & Ellipse), Lasso Tools (Lasso, Polygonal Lasso, Magnetic Lasso), Selection Tools (Object Selection, Quick Selection & Magic Wand,) Crop, Eyedropper, Healing Brush Tools (Spot Healing, Healing, Red Eye), Brush, Stamp Tools (Clone & Pattern) Eraser Tools (Eraser, Magic Eraser, Background Eraser), Paint Bucket, Gradient, Blur, Sharpen, Smudge, Type Tools (Horizontal & Vertical), Shape Tools (Rectangle, Ellipse, Triangle, Polygon, Triangle, Line & Custom Shape), Foreground Color, Background Color, Fill, Stroke & Zoom Tool.
- Students will expand their knowledge in Photoshop tools: Layers, Swatches, Gradients, Properties, Adjustments, History & Layers.
- Students will learn basic tools in Dimension: Starter Assets, Selection Tool, Scene, Action, Magic Wand, Sampler Tool, Orbit Tool, Pen Tool, Dolly Tool, Zoom Tool, Hand Tool.
- Students will learn the basic of After Effects: Shape Layers, Pen Tools, Mask, Track Mattes, Blending Modes, Pre-Composing, Adjustment Layers, Pick Whip, Null Layers, Cameras, Graph Editor.
- Students will employ non-fiction reading strategies including: using external text features, identifying key concepts, recognizing text organization, previewing, monitoring comprehension and summarizing.

<p>Learning Activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Individual classwork • Peer teaching • Teacher demonstration • Instructional videos 	<p>Performance Tasks:</p> <p>Students will complete a variety of performance tasks based on their interest and present achievement levels. Performance tasks may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Product video • Motion branding • Virtual advertisement World • Motion marketing project
<p>Other Assessment Measures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student self-evaluation • Student peer evaluation • Teacher feedback 	
<p>Textbook/Primary Resource:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adobe Illustrator • Adobe Photoshop • Adobe Dimension • Adobe After Effects 	
<p>Supplemental Resource Materials:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • YouTube • Adobe Help Website • Teacher generated materials 	