

# Berrien Springs Partnership Lab Syllabus and Instructor Qualifications

LABS (CLASSES) ARE PROVIDED AS AN EDUCATIONAL SOURCE FOR PBL (PROJECT BASED LEARNING)

## COMMUNITY CLASS TITLE: Prosper Arts - Photography FUNDamentals

GRADE OR AGE LEVELS: Grade 5 and Above

Maximum Students: 10 maximum (4 students minimum per class)

FORMAT: IN-PERSON

DAY AND TIME OF THE WEEK: Thursdays 4-5:30pm September 7 - November 30 (NO CLASSES THANKSGIVING WEEK) optional Student Gallery Expo in December-time/place TBD

TOTAL REQUIRED HRS: 80 percent (10 classes)

ADD'L POSSIBLE HRS (OPTIONAL TIME): TBD

TOTAL SEMESTER HOURS POSSIBLE: 18 hours

LOCATION: 117 W Ferry St. Berrien Springs Mi. - Studio is located above the Rabbit Yarn shop. Parking is on the street, the entrance is in the back. (Look for the green Prosper Arts signs)

INSTRUCTOR: *Angel Pearce, Heather West*

CONTACT INFORMATION: Mrs. Heather's Phone: 269-351-2351, Mrs. Angel's Phone: 269-697-1358 (call or text, text preferred) REGISTRATION AT SITE  
ADDITIONAL REQUIRED? NO

## INSTRUCTOR QUALIFICATIONS:

Mrs. Pearce has a passion for photography and more than 20 years of experience in a variety of genres. She has also enjoyed sharing her lifelong love of art with students ages 5 and up.

Mrs. Heather has owned and operated a business creating and selling varieties of art for the past 5 years.

## COURSE DESCRIPTION (OVERVIEW):

In this class, we will cover some of the FUNDamentals of photography and how to optimize your ability to use your camera as a tool to effectively express your creativity. Students must have a camera with manual

capabilities such as a DSLR or a Mirrorless Camera. Please program your autofocus to use a single focal point before coming to class, instructions are in your camera's owner's manual. At this time we have two cameras that can be used in class only, and shared by up to two students each for those with a sincere desire to master these skills. *Please contact Mrs Angel ASAP if your student will need to use a classroom camera.*

### SYLLABUS/OUTLINE: WEEKLY BREAKDOWN OF PROJECT-BASED LEARNING LAB ACTIVITIES:

Week 1: Photography Genres, Exposure Triangle 1

Week 2: Exposure Triangle 2

Week 3: Exposure triangle 3

Week 4: White Balance, Camera Presets

Week 5: Photography Gear - Cameras

Week 6: Scavenger Hunt

Week 7: Photography Gear - Lenses

Week 8: Photography Gear Accessories

Week 9: Creative Composition 1

Week 10: Creative Composition 2

Week 11: Creative Composition 3

Week 12: Review, Completion of Final Project

### COURSE OBJECTIVES AND APPROXIMATE TARGET DATES:

Each class will include a bit of the history of photography along with a short quiz to reinforce the topic covered in the previous class. By the end of the semester, students should have mastered "the exposure triangle," and be able to optimize their camera's creative potential by shooting in manual mode.

### STUDENT ASSESSMENT - what will be used to evaluate student progress and/or end of semester pass/fail status?

- 1) Student agrees to attend at least 80% of class sessions/lessons offered. Attendance is kept online and tracked by Partnership staff. Failure to meet 80% or be on track to meet 80% may result in program discontinuation.

2) The Partnership Student Assessment or Performance Form is filled out by the teacher and turned in to Partnership staff. The link to this form is found on the web page for this class. Failing marks for lack of participation, behavior issues, practice time, etc. may result in program discontinuation.

**Class-specific assessment:**

The Partnership Student Assessment form is filled out by the teacher and turned in to the Partnership staff.

**ADDITIONAL RESOURCES: (online, books, video, etc.):**

<https://www.pinterest.com/4thrprogram/kids-multicultural-arts-crafts/>

**CLASS POLICIES: ATTENDANCE, BEHAVIOR, WEATHER, ETC.**

**Attendance:** Students are required to attend at least 8 classes for the semester. Please notify in advance by text if your student will be absent.

**Weather:** If classes are canceled due to weather, a text will be sent out at least two hours prior to class start times. Snow days will coincide with berrien springs public schools.

**Behavior:** Students are expected to treat others with kindness, listen, and follow instructions.

Snacks will be provided during each class so please contact Heather or Angel with any dietary restrictions.