



# Photography

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## Prerequisites:

- This class is open to grades 6-12.



## Course Description:

In this introductory digital photography class, you'll learn how to use your digital camera to capture the world the way you see it. We'll start by learning the essential ideas behind great photos—how light, exposure, depth of focus, and color work together—so you can move beyond auto mode and begin shooting with intention. Through hands-on projects, you'll photograph people, everyday moments, nature, and movement while building confidence and discovering your own style. This class is designed for all experience levels and is about learning, experimenting, and having fun behind the camera.



## Commitment:

- This class meets once a week.
- 1-3 hours of homework per week: light reading with the majority of time spent behind the camera experimenting and editing photos.
- Each week, 3-6 photos will need to be taken and printed (printing on a regular copier will be acceptable for the majority of class assignments)
- Submissions to the Student Showcase will need to be printed from a local or online photo lab.
- All students will build a portfolio throughout the year and will display a collection of photos at the Student Showcase.



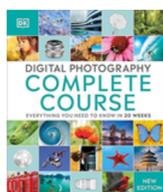
## A typical class will look like...

A typical class will start with a review of the reading and photo assignments from the previous week. We'll talk through what you tried, what worked, and what you noticed while shooting. At the beginning of the year, we will focus on learning how to use our digital cameras in manual mode and the technical aspects of digital photography. From there, I'll introduce a new photography idea for the week—such as light, motion, or composition—and spend time experimenting with it through hands-on activities and guided shooting. Each class is designed to give you time to explore, try new things, and ask questions.



## Books and Supplies\*

- Digital Photography: Complete Course: Everything you need to know in 20 weeks



### ***Required Supplies:***

- DSLR or mirrorless camera with Manual mode
- SD card
- owner's manual for your camera: print or digital
- access to photo editing software (Lightroom preferred)
- 3-prong two-pocket folder
- notebook/journal

\*Tutor will provide additional supplies with \$10 Lab fee.