



## PORTLAND PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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CLEVELAND HIGH SCHOOL

Office of the Principal

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To the parents and guardians of students enrolled in **Digital Media Level One**

Your son or daughter has enrolled in this class, which is a year-long elective open to all grades. There are no prerequisites. This class will ask your student to examine her relationship with media. In doing so, we will evaluate the impact of media on ourselves, our communities, our culture, and on the world. We are also producers of media content. Your student will be asked to produce original audio-visual content and, as part of this process, they may need to leave campus during the school day.

For these reasons, I am asking you for your consideration and consent the following:

- Permission to show R-rated materials
- Permission to leave the campus during the school day

### **Mature content:**

There will be times when we will examine media with mature content. I respect the sensitivities of my students, and I believe we can and will conduct ourselves with honesty and maturity. It is imperative to the success of this class that we create a safe and inclusive community where we can explore ideas, criticize ideas but never people, and question existing paradigms. As such, I am asking your permission for your son or daughter to participate in the class with full knowledge of our content and intentions. Alternative assignments can be made available should you or your student request it.

The media shown in class is chosen for two key reasons: First, each is an example of a particular genre. We cannot participate in our culture, for example, without being subjected to advertising. The second is that each may exhibit characteristics that push the medium into a new or historic space. Ridley Scott's *Blade Runner* was groundbreaking not only for its content, but also for particular cinematic effects. Twitter, Instagram, and Tumblr are now conventional platforms of social media.

### **Leaving campus:**

Occasionally, we may need to leave the building and/or campus during the school day. For example, if we are producing images to demonstrate natural light versus artificial light or practicing depth of field, we will need to leave the building. In order to comply with district policies, your permission is required.

**If your son or daughter is under 18 years of age, sign, date, and return the following permission slip. It is required for your student to remain in the course. Thank you. This letter is yours to keep.**

I welcome your questions or comments as we explore the exciting and sometimes overwhelming world of mass media.

Sincerely,

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<h2>Digital Media Level One Permissions 2017-18</h2>
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In signing this form I agree that I have read the accompanying letter, understand its contents, agree that my student will occasionally view or listen to materials rated R.

*Yes, my student will participate in the course as directed by the instructor.*

In signing this form, I am authorizing my student to leave campus for the purpose of completing course work and projects for Digital Media Level One at Cleveland High School.

*Yes, I give permission for my student to leave campus for the purpose of completing assignments and projects related to the Digital Media Level One course at Cleveland High School. I understand participation in the self-directed, off-campus activity is voluntary and my student will not be supervised by Portland Public Schools when my student is not on PPS property. I also understand that transportation arrangements are the responsibility of the student and/or parent. By signing below, I understand and agree that Portland Public Schools is not responsible, and I hold PPS harmless, for any harm to my child during this voluntary activity.*

Name of student (print) \_\_\_\_\_

Name of parent/guardian (print) \_\_\_\_\_  
(not required if over 18)

Signature of parent/guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_