

DARKROOM RULES AND ETTIQUETTE

- Do not leave prints on the drying racks for longer than necessary. Prints left for more than 72 hours will be removed.
- Do not move other student's prints. Tell a monitor if there is no more room on the drying racks.
- When placing prints on the drying racks, start at the top and work your way down to avoid dripping onto other student's prints.
- When using the developing equipment, DRY and RETURN all of it. This includes graduates and thermometers. Monitors are not responsible for this and wet equipment cannot be used to develop. Be a team player.
- Bring your tray back into the printing room after you've taken your prints out.
- Always knock (hard!) a few times before entering the revolving door. Turning the door without a warning could seriously injure somebody!
- Never bring scissors into the printing room, there is a paper cutter in there.
- NEVER EVER turn on an enlarger unless the filter door is shut and lens is attached! Failing to do this will flood the darkroom with light and ruin other student's paper and prints.
- Do not abandon prints in the wash. It clogs up space and will prevent contamination.
- Check the developing chemistry before using it, if unsure, ask a monitor.
- Students should never handle concentrated chemicals. Always ask a monitor.
- ALWAYS use tongs. NEVER mix tongs. This will contaminate the chemicals.
- Do not mix funnels when using development chemicals. This too, will cause contamination.
- Keep the light table clean. Don't leave negatives, binders or personal items on it. No liquids should be near the table. Do not lean on the table, it is fragile.
- The anti-static clothes should never touch the film cleaning liquid. It will remove the anti-static quality of the cloth.
- The darkroom has a limited number of filters. Do not assume they will always be available. When borrowing them, leave your Emerson ID as collateral.
- Do not put darkroom trays on the countertops except for the one immediately next to the wash station w/the squeegee glass. All other countertops are a dry area.
- If you spill anything, clean it up!
- If you have any problems with your enlargers, get a monitor immediately. Do not attempt to force or fix anything.
- Shut off ALL ipod and cell phone lights before entering the darkroom. Do not take them out until safely through the door.
- If you listen to music, keep the volume low and maintain awareness of those around you. Accidents happen easily in the dark!
- No food in the darkroom.
- Students may not use the darkroom while a class is in session. Call ahead (x8767) to see if it's available.
- PLEASE tell a monitor if you need ANYTHING or if you have ANY questions. They are experienced and are there to help you while you work.