Standard Human Facial Proportions - Student Checklist

The standard proportions for the human head can help you place facial features and find their orientation.

**Standard Facial Proportions:** Here is a list of standard facial proportions that can give you a good idea of ideal proportions.

- The eyes are halfway between the top of the head and the chin.
- The bottom of the nose is halfway between the eyes and the chin.
- The mouth is one third of the distance between the nose and the chin.
- The distance between the eyes is equal to the width of one eye.
- The corners of the mouth line up with the centers of the eyes.
- The top of ears line up slightly above the eyes, in line with the outer tips of the eyebrows.
- The bottom of the ears line up with the bottom of the nose.
- The width of the shoulders is equal to two head lengths

All these “ideal” measurements vary from face to face. Check out other portrait drawings that you have done and see if adjusting these increments helps.