

VISUAL ARTS

K-5th Grade

Elementary art education is an important part of the creative and academic development in young children. It contributes significantly to small muscle control and develops eye-hand coordination and self esteem. Art activities will provide the children with the opportunity to observe, plan, solve problems, and to explore their creativity.

The students will:

- Learn the basic Elements of Art and Principles of Design and how to apply them.
- Experiment with a variety of media, including paint, collage, pastels, charcoal, and ink.
- Recognize the work of master artists.
- Appreciate fine art.
- Create a clay project using a kiln.

6th-8th Grade

Visual arts education inspires students to perceive and shape the visual, spatial, and aesthetic characteristics of the world around them. Using a variety of ways to explore, learn, and communicate, students develop their capacity for imaginative and reflective thinking. Instruction covers the traditional fine arts of drawing, painting, printmaking, and sculpture.

The students will:

- Demonstrate knowledge of the media, materials, and techniques used in visual arts.
- Demonstrate knowledge of the elements of art (color, value, line, shape, form, texture, space) and the principles of design (pattern, contrast, balance, proportion, rhythm, unity, emphasis, variety).
- Demonstrate knowledge of the processes of planning, creating, and exhibiting their own artwork.
- Describe and analyze their own work and the work of others using appropriate visual arts vocabulary.
- Coordinate artwork with the Social Studies curriculum.
- Understand and create visual arts in relation to history and different cultures.
- Take the Elements of Art and the Principles of Design to the next level.
- Explore symmetry-rotational symmetry.
- Create mixed media artwork.
- Use art to express personal feelings.
- Create scenery and property design for the theatrical arts program in 8th grade.