

8th Grade Art Curriculum Overview

Students will learn a variety of skills, techniques, and vocabulary. They will create meaningful artworks using a variety of materials that demonstrate their understanding of the techniques and vocabulary. Students will look at and discuss artists from the past and present that they will use as inspiration in creating their own unique work.

Skills to be developed throughout the course:

- An understanding of the Elements of Art
 - Value
 - Color
 - Line
 - Texture
 - Form
 - Space
 - Shape
- An understanding of the Principles of Design
 - Contrast
 - Balance
 - Emphasis
 - Proportion
 - Repetition
 - Rhythm
 - Movement
 - Variety
 - Unity
 - White Space

In Gower Middle 8th Grade Art Classrooms:

- Students will be able to problem solve, think creatively, use materials correctly, understand vocabulary, and feel confident in their work.
- Students will learn about the Elements of Art and how to use them and identify them in artworks.

Units of Study:

- Album Cover Project
- Clay Bobble Head Project
- Gemstones Painting Project
- Digital Self Portrait Project

The Learning Standards for this course are (ie Common Core Standards, Illinois Learning Standards, National Standards). Priority standards should be listed and linked below:

- IL State Art Standards