

8th Grade Art 1 Syllabus

Course Description/Goals:

Art I (1.0 High School Fine Art Credit) Art I is an introduction to the use of the elements and principles of design, and the different materials used for self-expression. The student will be given opportunities to design and create original works of art. This course may require an Art fee.

Course TEKS/Objectives:

The **middle school art TEKS (Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills)** are organized into four core strands: **Foundations (observation and perception), Creative Expression, Historical and Cultural Relevance,** and **Critical Evaluation and Response.** Students explore their surroundings, experiences, and cultures to create and reflect on original artworks.

By engaging in the artistic process, students develop visual literacy, cultural awareness, problem-solving skills, and the ability to make informed, creative decisions—skills essential for lifelong learning and success. Each category contains specific standards (TEKS) that students are expected to master.

<https://tea.texas.gov/about-tea/laws-and-rules/sboe-rules-tac/sboe-tac-currently-in-effect/ch117c.pdf>

Course Outline:

Semester 1	Semester 2
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Line- Balance- Movement- Value- Contrast- Color- Emphasis- Unity- Variety- Shape	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Form- Proportion- Space- Perspective- Texture- Pattern- Rhythm- Repetition- Exhibits