

Fifth Grade Art - Elementary School

Course Description/Goals:

The fine arts incorporate the study of dance, music, theatre, and the visual arts to offer unique experiences and empower students to explore realities, relationships, and ideas. These disciplines engage and motivate all students through active learning, critical thinking, and innovative problem solving. The fine arts develop cognitive functioning and increase student academic achievement, higher-order thinking, communication, and collaboration skills, making the fine arts applicable to college readiness, career opportunities, workplace environments, social skills, and everyday life. Students develop aesthetic and cultural awareness through exploration, leading to creative expression. Creativity, encouraged through the study of the fine arts, is essential to nurture and develop the whole child.

Course TEKS/Objectives:

The Texas TEKS (Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills) for Art (grade k-5) is organized into four basic strands--foundations: observation and perception; creative expression; historical and cultural relevance; and critical evaluation and response--provide broad, unifying structures for organizing the knowledge and skills students are expected to acquire.

<https://tea.texas.gov/about-tea/laws-and-rules/sboe-rules-tac/sboe-tac-currently-in-effect/ch117a.pdf>

Course Outline:

Semester 1	Semester 2
-Practice using a ruler and compass -Review line, shape, color, texture, form, value, space -Draw with a range of hard and soft lead pencils, soft pastel, oil pastel, charcoal and/or conte, marker, and pen -Hatching, cross hatching, stippling, and blending -Experiment with a range of materials to create art forms -Review weaving vocabulary: loom, warp, weft and shuttle	-Combine line, shape, color, texture, form, value, space in original compositions -Mix intermediate and tertiary colors -Practice using traditional printmaking tools -Construct pottery and glaze it for firing -Create original works using advanced weaving and/or sewing techniques