

A FUN AT-HOME ACTIVITY FOR FAMILIES

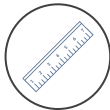
DESIGNING A SCHOOL MURAL

Help your child think like a designer! Together, you'll plan and create artwork for a new school hallway using murals or decorative tiles that reflect school spirit.

WHAT YOU'LL NEED:



Paper



Ruler or measuring tape



Tape, scissors, or glue



Crayons or Markers

Optional Supplies:



Tablet for digital drawings



Camera

Want to see real school designs in action? To learn more about school planning, construction, and projects happening at your child's school, visit www.puyallupsd.org/capitalprojects. Explore how schools are built and improved to support student learning!

STEP 1: IMAGINE THE SCHOOL'S ARTWORK (10 MINUTES)

Start with a fun conversation:

- "What makes our school special?"
- "What words describe our school's vision or spirit?"

Introduce key design elements:

- **School Mascot** – Draw or include your school's mascot.
- **Inspirational Words** – Think of words like "Respect," "Kindness," or "Creativity."
- **Patterns & Colors** – What colors represent your school?

STEP 2: MAP & MEASURE (10-15 MINUTES)

If possible, measure a section of a wall at home or use a sheet of paper to represent a mural or tile.

- **Measure the space** – Use a ruler to practice drawing a straight grid for tile designs.
- **Sketch the layout** – Plan where the mascot, words, and patterns will go.

Pro Tip: Use a 1-inch = 1-foot grid to scale your tile for a real hallway mural!

STEP 3: CREATE YOUR MURAL! (15-20 MINUTES)

- **Option 1: Draw it** – Sketch and color a mural idea for the school hallway.
- **Option 2: Tile Design** – Draw a single square tile that could be part of a bigger mural. Focus on patterns, shapes, or a small piece of the overall design.
- **Option 3: Collage it** – Cut out and glue words, shapes, or symbols that represent the school.

Encourage your child to include at least three meaningful elements!

STEP 4: SHARE & DISCUSS (10 MINUTES)

Have your child explain their project:

- "Why did you choose these words and colors?"
- "How do murals and artwork make schools feel welcoming?"

Bonus: Take a picture of their project and share it with the Foundations for Our Future (FFOF) crew at capitalproject@puyallupsd.org a few lucky designs will be shared on our FFOF Facebook and Instagram pages.