



Shakopee Area Catholic School
Art Standards and Benchmarks
Grade Level: 8

The students will Experience the Elements of Art

1. The students will apply the elements of: color, line, shape, form, texture, and space.
2. The students will examine formal works of art and describe how the elements are integrated in the work.
3. The students will demonstrate knowledge regarding elements in their original work.

The students will Experience the Principles of Art

1. The students will apply the principles of: balance, rhythm, emphasis, movement, unity, pattern, and contrast.
2. The students will examine works of art and describe how the principles affect the work.
3. The students will demonstrate knowledge regarding principles in their original work.

The Students will Experiment with a variety of art materials

1. The students will complete individually and in groups works of art in many materials/media (crayons, tempera and watercolor paints, ink, construction paper, glitter, yarn, markers, tissue paper, chalk, clay, mixed media, fabrics, etc.)
2. The students will practice proper use of tools.
3. The students will demonstrate the safe use of tools for the materials/media they are working with

The students will be introduced to and experiment with a variety of techniques.

1. The students will practice creating a draft or plan for their work.
2. The students will practice basic life drawing skills (observational drawing, contour lines, gestures) using a variety of media.
3. The students will demonstrate knowledge of the printmaking process by creating a block print.
4. The students will practice using mathematical principles such as proportion, scale, grids, pattern, repetition, measurement, etc. to create works of art
5. The students will create a drape, wheel thrown, and coil work of pottery demonstrating knowledge of tools and materials.
6. The students will practice proper use of tempera, watercolor, and acrylic paints.

Art Appreciation

1. The students will examine the works from different cultures and interpret how cultural beliefs affect the art of the people.
2. The students will be introduced to the sources art is derived from (nature, emotion, literature, imagination, etc.) and be able to identify the idea/ motivation and feelings associated with creating the work.
3. The students will examine the use of metaphor in art.
4. The students will review the purposes and functions of art.
5. The students will experience the interrelationship of visual arts to other curricular areas.
6. The students will review a variety of styles (fantasy, imagination, surrealism, etc.), discuss how the media used affects the feel of the work and create an original work in one or two of the styles.

Art History

1. The students will be introduced to works of art from other cultures.
2. The students will identify artists and their work and analyze the impact the work has on the people of today.