

MISSION STATEMENT

Art has always been at the center of great cultures as a natural part of human experience and learning. The Irving Independent School District art program seeks to instill in students a significant insight in the visual arts. The District adheres to the belief that students can find pleasure and fulfillment both as a maker and a perceiver of art. To achieve this, all students must know that art is thoughtfully created and must be able to

- arrive at plausible meanings and resolve ambiguities in works of art,**
- inquire into the relationships among art, history, and cultures,**
- investigate the origins and traditions of art,**
- inquire about the nature and functions of the art world and art institutions,**
- engage in philosophical inquiry about the connections between art and human experiences,**
- use works of art to reflect on personal beliefs and consider cultural values and human needs,**
- create works of art with a sense of purpose and a continually improving technical skill.**