

Art Curriculum Grades Kindergarten-Seventh

The program for art education at St. Edward the Confessor School is based on the elements of art, principles of design, art history, art production and aesthetics. The curriculum is taught by a certified art specialist to all students in grades kindergarten through seventh.

Grades kindergarten through second grade use the "Big Book" Explorations in Art for each level, and class discussion includes student participation about the art works and artists presented in the weekly lessons in the textbooks. Projects explore drawing, painting, printmaking, cut and paste, mixed media, as well as elementary sculptural pieces.

Grades three through five use the textbook series Art Express. These texts follow sequentially to build on the skills and knowledge from the previous years in the art program. Projects continue to explore drawing, painting and mixed media, and some 3-D works.

Grades six and seven use the Glencoe textbook series Understanding Art lessons. Sixth grade explores art vocabulary, various art media, art criticism, aesthetics and art history that coordinate with their classwork in social studies. Exploring Art lessons for seventh grade reviews the elements and principles but give greater emphasis to describing, analyzing and interpreting art works. Projects include sculpture, graphic design, crafts and architecture.

All students keep a sketchpad for weekly homework assignments and classwork. This serves as a visual journal for students to practice their art skills, to respond and to build on their creativity.

Information about the art program can be found on the school website www.steddy.org.

In addition, St. Edward's has established a chapter of the National Junior Art Honor Society (NJAHS). Membership is by invitation only. Middle school students meet as an art club to experience additional art materials and styles of creating art. Art Club meets the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month

All students will have the chance to have works selected by the teacher to appear in an Archdiocesan-wide art show for Catholic Schools Week in January. Every 4 years, there will be a school-wide Art exhibit in the cafeteria and art room where each student may submit two of their own original artworks that they created during the 4 year span. The next one occurs in the 2022-2023 school year.