Our Mission
The KISD Fine Arts Department shall empower all students with the knowledge and skills essential to engage learning through meaningful artistic experiences, to express themselves creatively, and to continually seek life-long enjoyment and fulfillment through the arts.

Fine Arts Office and Its Function
The function of the Fine Arts Office is to coordinate the visual arts, dance, drama, and music programs within the district, to provide an enriched curriculum and to enhance cultural opportunities for all students.

Benefits of the Fine Arts
• Strengthens problem-solving and higher order thinking skills of all students
• Identifies and develops the artistic skills of students
• Enhances the students’ sense of personal worth
• Provides opportunities for students to experience success in ways other than those typically offered in other academic areas, and
• Brings joy and beauty into the lives of students and teachers and thereby makes schools more enjoyable and stimulating places in which to learn.

What Others Say about the Arts
Arts Education aids students in skills needed in the workplace: flexibility, the ability to solve problems and communicate; the ability to learn new skills, to be creative and innovative, and to strive for excellence.

~ Joseph M. Calahan, Director of Corporate Communications, Xerox Corporation

According to a recent statewide survey, student involvement in extracurricular or cocurricular activities makes students resilient to current substance use among their peers. Secondary students who participated in band, orchestra or choir reported the lowest lifetime use of all substances.

~ 1994 Texas School Survey of Substance Abuse Among Students, Grades 7-12

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ART
Grades 6-12
Beginning, Advanced, Pre-AP and AP
KISD Visual Art Show  Region & State VASE Contests

DANCE
Grades 9-12
Dance I-IV  Drill Team  Color Guard

MUSIC
Grades 6-12
Band
Marching (9-12)
Wind Ensemble
Symphonic
Concert
Jazz
Choir
Treble
Tenor-Bass
Mixed
Jazz
Strings
Concert
Chamber
Quartets
Small Ensemble
Elementary (pre-k through grade 5)
Singing, moving
Playing instruments

THEATRE
Grades 6-12
Seasonal Performances of the Classics
UIL One-Act Play Contest
KISD Theatre Arts Festival

Special Performances & Events

KISD Visual Arts Show - Each year for one week around March 1st
Visual Art Scholastic Event (VASE) - High school students are provided the opportunity to bring artworks created in their art classes to a regional event where they are interviewed by a certified juror who evaluates their work based on a standards based rubric and their understanding of the art processes involved in the development of their artwork. Students selected advance to the state contest in April.

Dance & Auxiliary Groups (High School only) - Drill team and color guard auxiliary groups support the marching bands in the fall, and may be seen at football games and local parades. In the spring, they become separate organizations, performing in various dance and winter guard contests at the state and national level.

Elementary Summer Musical - Auditions are held each May and performances are given at the end of June at the Ellison High School auditorium.

For more information contact the Fine Arts Office at (254) 501-0240.

The Fine Arts are part of the Required Curriculum for students in Texas.