

## Our Mission

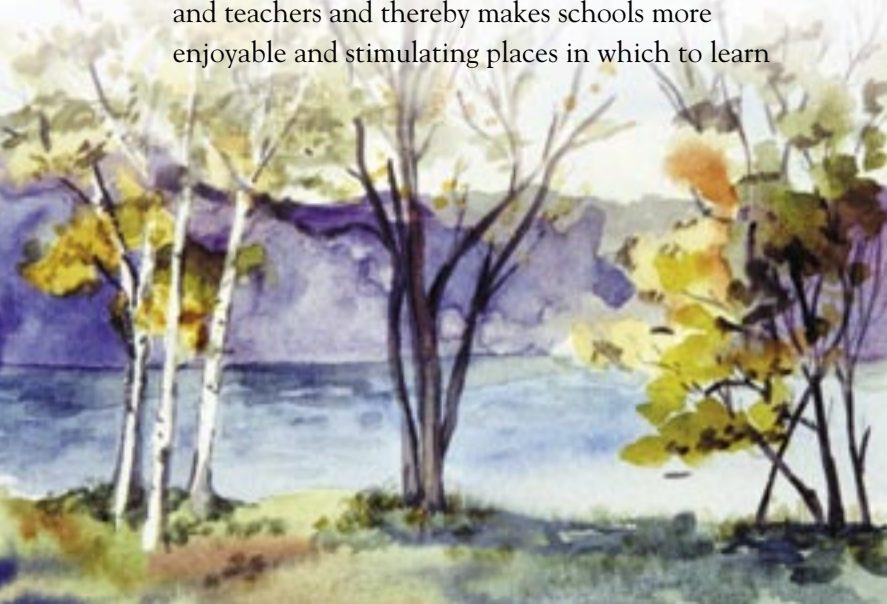
The KISD Fine Arts Department shall empower all students with the knowledge and skills essential to engage learning through meaningful artistic experiences, to express themselves creatively, and to continually seek life-long enjoyment and fulfillment through the arts.

### 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 extra-curricular 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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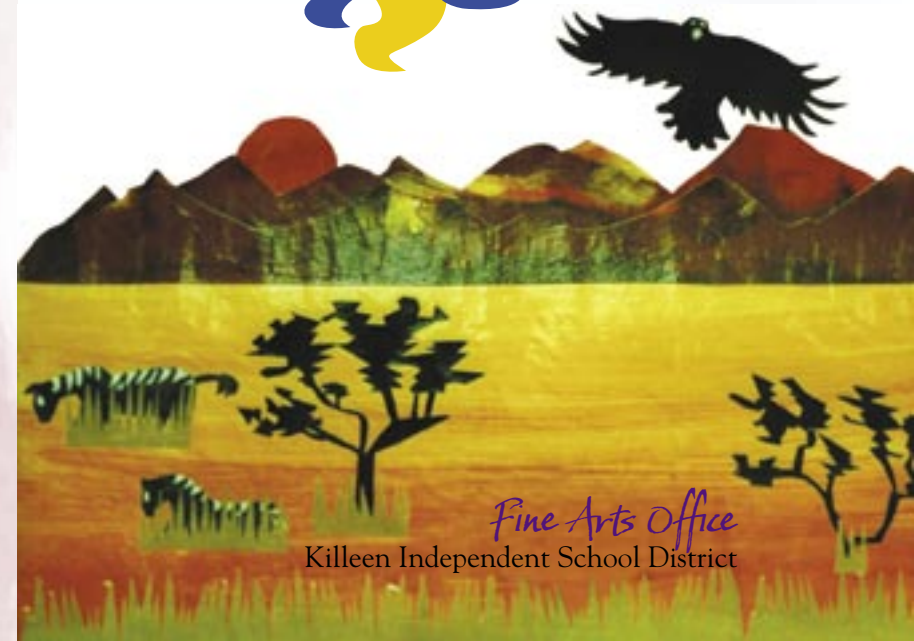
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# Create your world through Fine Arts



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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  
Madrigal

#### Strings

Concert  
Chamber  
Quartets  
Small Ensemble

### Elementary (pre-k through grade 5)

Singing, moving Festival of Choirs  
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.



**Elementary Festival of Choirs** - Three clusters of 5 schools each perform at one of the high school auditoriums each year.

**Fort Worth Symphony Orchestra** - Student concerts and public performances, one with the high school advanced singers performing a major choral work with the orchestra.

**KISD Theatre Arts Festival** - Provides secondary theatre students an opportunity to perform their productions in a theatre setting for other theatre students and parents appreciative of the performances.

**Shakespeare Theatre Camp (STC)** - Provides students ages 12-16 an opportunity to participate in an interdisciplinary program integrating Shakespearian literature with theatre arts. Classes in acting, movement and scene study are offered at this one-week summer camp in June.



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

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