

My Philosophy of Art

Art is not just for the talented or gifted. All Students can and should have a connection and appreciation for the visual arts. Whether in making art, viewing it, or understanding its place in history and culture, students can learn a lot that is applicable to many aspects of life.

Art provides an avenue for communication and expression across cultures and time periods, gender or age. It can encourage dialog among people about universal topics. It challenges people to consider other points of view.

Art is an integral part of our increasingly visual and interconnected lives. Students can increase their awareness and ability to observe, judge and make decisions based on their visual understanding.

Students can also learn the value and pleasure of creating something of their own in any media. In a world where many people are stressed or bored by their work experiences, many can find a sense of peace and balance through their experience with the arts. It can be used in therapy, to build a sense of community, or to encourage creativity.

It is always nice to see students win accolades and awards for their artwork. However, if each of my students can feel that they have succeeded in one artistic endeavor that has opened their eyes to a new way of viewing the world, then I have succeeded.