

Thomas Jefferson High School
Visual Art
Education Philosophy

Thomas Jefferson High School intends to make the values of the fine arts visible to our students. Art helps prepare students for further education in careers involving creativity, and it brings exhilaration to the whole learning process. Students become interested in learning, adding new dimensions to what they already know, enhancing knowledge through creative interpretation. Through active participation in various forms of self-expression, the student is continuously challenged to develop intelligent behavior and social skills that affect their overall lives in society and culture. Students learn to adapt and respect others' ways of thinking, working, and expression. Significant opportunities are provided for students to progressively broaden views of the world. Fine arts education enables students to develop the self-esteem, individuality and motivation necessary for success in all facets of life. The pleasure and meaning of learning becomes real, tangible and powerful through art education.