**Supporting Your Student Artist in Plano ISD**

## **Take your children to art exhibits.**

* [Public art in Plano](https://www.visitplano.com/must-see-public-art-in-plano/)
* [The ArtCentre of Plano](https://www.artcentreofplano.org/)
* [Dallas Museum of Art](https://dma.org/)
* [Nasher Sculpture Center](https://www.nashersculpturecenter.org/)
* [SMU Meadows Museum](https://meadowsmuseumdallas.org/)

## **Talk with your student about the art.**

**When looking at works of art such as a painting, drawing, or sculpture ask your student to:**

* Describe what they see: colors, shapes, patterns, lines, people, objects, the setting, etc.
* Describe how the work of art makes them feel: what about the art makes them feel that way?
* Describe the mood of the work of art: what about the art sets that mood?
* Describe the art’s setting: time of year, time of day, period of time. How can they tell?
* Consider what questions they have about the work of art: what do they wonder about when looking at the art? Then, discuss together.

## **Be an enthusiastic audience for your child’s artistic efforts.**

* Try to have a ready supply of basic art supplies at home.
	+ Drawing paper/sketchbook
	+ Pencils and colored pencils
	+ Scissors
	+ Glue
	+ Watercolors
* Hang your student’s art in your home.
* Take pictures of all your student’s art and keep a digital portfolio of it so you can see their artistic development over the years.

## **Encourage your child to participate in arts activities at school.**

* Take art courses! Check out the [middle school and high school course catalogs](https://www.pisd.edu/coursecatalogs) for full course offerings in Plano ISD.
* Have your student join the art club, National Junior Art Society, or National Art Society.
* Go see your student’s work on display, open houses, art exhibits, big art day, etc.
* Take your extended family and friends with you to celebrate your child’s accomplishments.
* Encourage your child to participate in a variety of art opportunities offered by your schools. Here are a few examples:

| * [TEAM](https://www.taea.org/VASE/overview.asp) - Grades K-5
* [Jr. VASE](https://www.taea.org/VASE/overview.asp) - Grades 6-8
* [VASE](https://www.taea.org/VASE/overview.asp) - Grade 9-12
* Scholastic Arts - Grades 7 -12
 | * + Plano ISD Kindness Card Contest - Grades K-12
	+ Plano ISD MLK Diversity Art Contest - Grades K-12
	+ Toyota Dream Car – Grades 2-10
	+ PTA Reflections – Grades K-12
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## **Be accepting and encouraging of your child’s artistic efforts.**

* For young children, the arts have no right or wrong answers. The arts provide avenues for children to feel positive about themselves as they build creative confidence.
* Ask your student what they created, and have them share the story behind it and the process they used to create it.
* When asked if you like your child’s work, ask instead if he or she likes it.
* Give specific feedback about your student’s art, about what you see, such as lines, shapes, color, patterns, etc.