

# IESA Art Workshops

Why settle for a black and white education in a world full of color? Let the IESA help color your students' world!

## Participation in the Arts:

- Strengthens student problem-solving and critical thinking skills, adding to overall academic achievement and school success
- Helps students develop a sense of craftsmanship, quality task performance, and goal-setting—skills needed to succeed in the classroom and beyond
- Helps all students develop more appreciation and understanding of the world around them

## EXPOSURE!

Consistent exposure to the arts enhances students' cognitive development, provides them with meaning, enables them to express themselves.

## SUCCESS!

A well-rounded education that includes the arts improves students' chances of success after graduation, both within and outside of traditional creative industries.

## CAREER CHOICES!

### PARTICIPATION!

Our economy is increasingly based on careers in sectors that require creativity, problem solving and analytical thinking. Participation in the arts is a



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key component of a student's education and development. Knowledge of the arts will profoundly impact their lives and shape their success in the future.



## What Are the Art Workshops?

Workshops are held annually by the IESA at Illinois State University, Eastern Illinois University, and the Kankakee area. The workshops give students the chance to expand on their creative processes by exposing them to new and interesting media, tools, and materials.

The workshops take place on the participating university campuses. Art education majors at both universities provide the instruction for each activity. The art education majors introduce the participants to the activity and the tools they will be using, give a brief history of the activity, and demonstrate the steps involved. Each workshop

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### Mary Cox, Principal:

*"As I watch our children paint, sculpt, and create and see the beautiful works that result, I see their thoughts, feelings and understanding about the world around them expressed in colors, shapes, and images. We value art for art's sake, but also for the vehicle it provides to extend and connect our curriculum and to bring joy and beauty to our school and to the lives of our children."*

### John Rokenbrod, Assistant Principal:

*"Art helps students develop and showcase their creativity and problem solving skills. These skills are in great demand in the 21st century workplace as companies seek out individuals who can help them prosper by creating innovative products and services".*

## More on the IESA Art Workshops

runs between 2 to 3 hours. All of the materials needed for each activity are provided.

The participants choose the activities they will be involved in for the day. Students are encouraged to explore their creativity and each will take their projects with them at the conclusion of the workshop. Workshops are not designed only for your students. Those instructors accompanying their students have the chance to meet and share with their colleagues. It is also an excellent opportunity to discuss fundraising and

curriculum ideas. Instructors also observe the various activities being presented to their students.

### Entering the Workshops

Membership in the IESA is open to all public and parochial elementary, middle, and junior high schools recognized by the Illinois State Board of Education. Over seven hundred fifty schools constitute the present membership of the IESA. All member schools are eligible to enter the Art Workshops. The workshops are held in April.

To enter the Workshops, contact the IESA Office or access our website ([www.iesa.org](http://www.iesa.org)). The Art Workshop activity fee is due in February. Participation in the workshops is \$6.00 per student.