

## Course Description

### Sculpture

The art classes at St. Augustine High School are based on the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) as a reference for a standard. Although these classes begin at a very basic level in order to give the students a thorough foundation, the standards are quickly raised to fulfill and support our school goals. And that is nurture the whole person, spiritually, academically and morally in a college preparatory environment.

The students are first required to understand the meaning of the language used in the art room by defining and visually applying them. Additionally, the knowledge of these visual concepts is then used in student based solutions for design problems, decisions-making and critical judgments for which they will eventually be evaluated. Another component of a studio art class is the weaving of art appreciation and history. Understanding the art of past times enhances the students' understanding of human expression and the recording of time.

The sculpture class will explore the elements of art and the principles of design as they apply to three dimensional surfaces. The students will experiment with clay to create ceramic pieces for most of the semester and will continue on to paper mache, wire sculptures, paper sculptures and mixed media in 3D. This is the focus of this class.