

I Am AISD. My job is like a dream come true. I once stood where my students stand now. I tell them to stand tall and be proud of who they are. To me they are so beautiful and full of inspiration. Every day with them is a blessing. I am totally devoted to them and their achievements.
Teri Castro, Music Teacher
 Travis High School



*"All students will participate in and appreciate the arts."
 —(Board of Trustees' Results-4)*

Arts

A quality fine arts program is based on clear and concise guidelines for what a student should know and do in each fine arts class. Recent Texas legislation requires the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills to be taught in all Enrichment courses, including the arts and all Foundation courses.

Quality programs in 2003-04 allowed students to explore a variety of the arts and/or to specialize in one art form throughout their educational years. AISD students have the opportunity to explore the musical, visual, and performing arts through such programs as Art, Band, Dance, Choir, Orchestra, Theatre Arts, and many specialized programs within each of these disciplines. Every AISD student has the opportunity to learn through the arts.

Highlights of successes in the arts include the following:

Band

- An Eastside All-Star Middle School Band was organized in 2003-04. These outstanding students of Dobie, Pearce, Martin, Mendez, and Webb Middle School Bands participated in eight hours

of instruction by a noted clinician and presented a concert in October 2004.

- LBJ High School Band placed at the 4A State Marching Contest of Texas.
- Bowie High School Orchestra placed fourth in the finals for Texas Music Educator's State Honor Orchestra of Texas.
- Covington Middle School Band was invited to perform at the Western International Band Conference in Seattle, Washington.
- Bailey Middle School Band was chosen to perform at the Mid-West Band and Orchestra Conference in Chicago, Illinois. It has been 18 years since an Austin group was chosen to perform at Mid-West.

Visual Arts

- 22 students earned the highest rating at the Visual Arts Scholastic competition in Houston.
- AISD hosted the second Junior Arts Scholastic Event with much success.

- 11 of AISD's art teachers were trained in Advanced Placement Art.

Theatre Arts, Music, Dance

- Bowie, Austin, and Crockett Theatre One-Act Plays won District and went to Regional competition.
- Bowie Theatre One-Act Play won Regional and went to the State level.
- Anderson High School Choir was selected to perform at the American Choral Director's Association/Southwestern Division Convention in Little Rock, Arkansas.
- Clint Small Middle School Choir was selected to perform at the Music Educators Association Convention in San Antonio.