

Displays

The Art Department in District 64 believes that children's art should be displayed in a non-competitive setting, valuing each student's work for its uniqueness. Student work is put on display throughout the year in each building. The work is also displayed in the Educational Service Center for the district, featuring a different grade level each month.

In addition to the work displayed in the buildings and the ESC, student work is also displayed within the community at various times. The Park Ridge Public Library holds an annual exhibit for Youth Art Month and Oakton Community College holds its Studio 3 Exhibit in March. Some art teachers also engage their students in community outreach projects when the opportunity exists.

It is the philosophy of District 64 that art contests are not appropriate motivation for students during art class. The time that students are in class is to be focused on meeting the goals and objectives of the art curriculum. The basis for creative expression is that each student is continuously challenged, learning new skills to be expressive and communicate visually in a variety of mediums.

At the Middle School level, art work that has been created as a part of the curriculum will sometimes be entered in the Scholastic Art and Writing regional competition. This is by choice by the teachers who want to organize and enter the student work and become involved in the process. Due to the competitive nature of this activity, a limited number of works are submitted.

There is the occasional time when a local art contest may be announced, with special permission, in the Thursday Take Home. Students would work on these projects outside of class time.