

Board Recognition
September 23, 2025

Denton ISD Students Featured in 2025 TxEDCON Visual Arts Advocacy Exhibit

Six Denton ISD students had their artwork selected for display in the prestigious Visual Arts Advocacy exhibition at the 2025 TxEDCON—Texas Association of School Administrators (TASA) and Texas Association of School Boards (TASB) Convention—held September 11–14 at the George R. Brown Convention Center in Houston. The exhibition, presented by the Texas Art Education Association (TAEA), showcased artwork from 95 school districts across the state.

Each year, the TAEA exhibit highlights the importance of art education for students in prekindergarten through 12th grade by featuring selected student artwork during the annual TASA | TASB Convention. This event, attended by school board members, superintendents, and district leaders from across Texas, provides a unique opportunity for students' artistry to be seen by a wide audience of educational professionals. Participation in the exhibit also counts toward the TAEA District of Distinction criteria, serving as one component of the 14-point rubric that recognizes outstanding visual art programs statewide.

The six Denton ISD student artists selected for the 2024 exhibition are:

- **Jayden Austin**, 11th grade, Denton High School, *A Whole New Luscious World* – Teacher: Martha Slack
- **Yuvaan Kattamanchi**, 2nd grade, Newton Rayzor Elementary, *Monster Flying* – Teacher: Amanda Gibson
- **Isiah McElroy**, 6th grade, Bettye Myers Middle School, *World of Color* – Teacher: Megan Trammell
- **Ewaoluwa Oyedele**, 8th grade, Navo Middle School, *Untitled* – Teacher: Yara Jones
- **Kylie Palmer**, 4th grade, Dorothy P. Adkins Elementary, *Let it Bloom!* – Teacher: Jamie McCormick
- **Olivia Sparks**, 7th grade, Harpool Middle School, *Rainbow Reflection* – Teacher: Julia Carol Lytle

These talented students represent Denton ISD's strong commitment to fostering creativity and highlighting the role of the arts in developing well-rounded learners.