

Gain Important Education Outcomes: Implement a Successful Art Therapy Program within K-12 Schools

Art therapy is a creative and engaging way to address inappropriate behaviors such as bullying; identify an individual's barriers to learning; increase student retention; support special needs students; enhance academic performance; provide gifted youth with a new skill; increase motor and sensory skills; and, excite kids' learning experience . . . and there are a variety of funding stream opportunities available to implement a program.



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Art Therapy: Making A Difference in K-12 Schools

"Art therapy attends to a student's verbal and nonverbal communications with the aid of a master's level therapist who is trained in art, psychology, and the therapy process. The art therapist is qualified to observe and analyze behaviors, art products and processes, a student's communications, and formalizing art therapy assessments and treatment plans for students for adherence to educational goals and benchmarks. As a whole, art therapy can offer students the opportunity to work through obstacles that may be impeding their educational success while facilitating appropriate social behavior and promote healthy affective development so students can become more receptive to their educational environment."

— Robert Lackie, MS, MA, ATR, LPC, TLMFT Shawnee Mission School District, KS

MODEL ART THERAPY PROGRAMS IN K-12 SCHOOLS

- Florida:** Miami-Dade County Public Schools (urban)
- Kansas:** Shawnee Mission School District (suburban)
- Kentucky:** Oldham County Schools (rural)
- New Jersey:** Jersey City Public Schools (urban)
- Pennsylvania:** Mt. Lebanon School District (suburban)
- Texas:** Hays Consolidated Independent School District (suburban)
- Alabama:** Community Consulting Model (suburban)
- Vermont:** Burlington School District - Integrated Arts Academy Magnet School (urban)
- Wisconsin:** Green Bay Area Public Schools District - Alternative Programs of Chance for Change and Curry Lane Alternative School (suburban)



IMPLEMENTATION TOOLS: Art Therapy in K-12 Schools

- Art Therapist Job Description
- Responsibilities & Activities
- Certification & Licensure
- Program Options
- After School
- Art Instructor
- District Coordinator
- Special Needs

OUTCOMES & APPLICATIONS

- Academic Performance Enhancement
- Cognition / Remove Barriers to Learning
- Retention / Attendance Improvement
- Gifted Students Program
- Socialization Improvement
- Positive Interaction as Alternative to Bullying
- Special Needs Students Program

RESOURCES

- Fund a Program
- SAMHSA Support
- K-12 Guides
- Early Childhood
- Coloring Books
- Systems of Care
- Tips & Lessons

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- Contacts
- Articles
- ADHD
- Autism
- Bullying
- Retention
- Socialization
- Special Needs
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