Jefferson Elementary School (JES) Project Based Learning Institute prepares students for future success in a variety of visual and performing arts fields.

The JES Project Based Learning Institute merges artistic studies offering world class training in music technology, piano, dance, music theater, art animation, orchestra, and videography film studies.

Music Technology

The purpose of this course is for students to have an awareness of music as an artful expression and demonstrate a desire to express themselves musically. Through guided learning they will be able to write, compose and perform music that they create.

Piano

This course is designed to help beginners develop a firm foundation in the basic concepts of music theory and notation. Combined with a familiarization of the keyboard and the development of proper techniques, these students will have the ability to read music and perform at a higher level.

Dance

The purpose of the dance program is to create true contemporary dancers equally trained in classical ballet and modern dance. Dance instructors endeavor to encourage students to explore dance choreography and all the career possibilities.

Music Theater

The Theatre Program offers concentrated pre-professional training that incorporates advanced techniques to guide students toward greater self-awareness of their own potential and resources. Through creative writing students will develop interest in poetry, fiction writing, playwriting, screenwriting and essay composition.

Film Studies, Videography

In film studies students will develop a greater perspective of the world by viewing life through a lens. They will learn the history behind the development of the camera and proper techniques for shooting and editing.

Art & Animation Studies

Through Art & Animation will learn to effectively use a camera to take photographs and use them to tell a story. Utilizing a theme from the musical "Annie," they will be challenged to capture adverse circumstances within their community through usage of a disposable camera.

Orchestra

Students enrolled in the Project Based Learning Institute will be offered a comprehensive music education weekly which includes orchestra and string techniques. Students will study music theory, music history, and humanities. They will participate in the JES Conservatory Youth Orchestra and have the opportunity to be taught by performing professionals and have master classes with renowned artists as a part of their training.