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Statement of Purpose

**Elements of Art Unit for Middle School Art:**

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Art education is more than just coloring and drawing. Art education is an elective subject that enriches students’ lives with exploration and creative problem solving skills. In this course students’ will be involved in art education were they are encouraged to express their thoughts and ideas creatively while challenging their imagination, fostering reflective thinking, and developing disciplined effort and critical thinking skills (Mittler & Ragans, 2007). Art education has many standards and the state and national levels but does not have a set curriculum in our district. My objective is to create a starting point for a set curriculum for Swanton middle school. This unit is designed to introduce students to the elements of art. The elements of art are the basic visual components an artist uses to create art (Mittler & Ragans, 2007). There are seven total elements of art that need to be covered. They are line, color, value, shape, form, space, and texture.

“When you first learned how to read, you did not start with an entire book. You began by learning one word at a time. That is how you will learn the language of art: one element at a time” (Mittler & Ragans, 2007).

Going through each element students will begin to understand how artists use these elements to create artwork. Then students will work with these concepts and they will be able to identify and compare the elements of art in their work, artwork, and the world around them. This is why the elements of art are the foundation for teaching art standards to middle school students.