



Weaving with a hand loom affords another outlet for artistic expression at the senior high school level.

ART EDUCATION

The goal of Art Education in the schools of Birmingham is to contribute to the fullest development of all students. Art experiences will help the child to grow in creative imagination, self-confidence, independent thinking, critical judgment; make him more sensitive to his environment and considerate of the ideas and expressions of others.

Curriculum

Helping teacher services
 1-6 grade
 General Art
 Crafts
 Ceramics
 Weaving
 Drawing and Painting



Children enjoy experimenting with water colors. This develops coordination, discrimination, experience in a new media, and the opportunity to create something all their own.

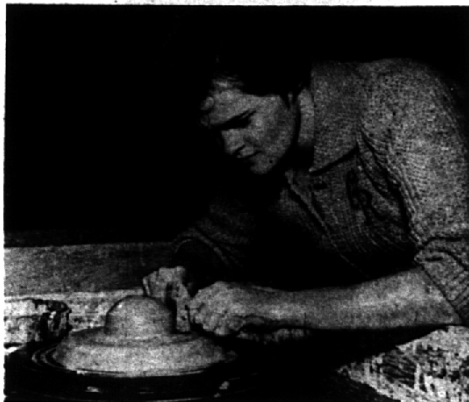
Improvements

1960-61:

Acquisition of one elementary and two secondary art instructors to provide more adequate service.
 All-School Art Exhibit.
 In-service training activities for art staff.

1961-62:

Acquisition of one elementary and one secondary art instructor to meet growing demands on instructional staff.
 In-service training activities for the classroom teacher.
 Acquisition of slides and reproductions to facilitate teaching of appreciation.



An art student shapes wet clay on the potter's wheel.

Needs

Additional staff at the elementary level to provide time for revisitation and consultation outside of regularly scheduled meetings.

Increased course offerings to include "Art Appreciation," "Oil Painting," "Commercial Art," and "Sculpture."

Acquisition of slides and prints to support the teaching of appreciation.

Increased in-service training program for the classroom teacher.

MUSIC

A comprehensive program in music is offered the children of the district. Its goals are related to music appreciation, music theory, and basic instruction in vocal and instrumental music. Music in the elementary grades is

taught as a cooperative effort between the music specialist and the classroom teacher. In the secondary schools, the instruction is the sole responsibility of the specialist in vocal and instrumental music.

Curriculum

Daily music instruction in the elementary grades
 General music, grades 7 and 8
 Band, junior and senior high school
 Orchestra, junior and senior high school
 Music theory, senior high school
 Music appreciation, senior high school
 Choral groups, junior and senior high school

Needs

Additional staff to supplement basic music instruction in the elementary grades.

Strengthening of the orchestral groups at the secondary school level.

A program that will encourage elementary and junior high school students to continue the study of instrumental music.

Improvements

1961-62:

Vocal music, grade 8, offered as an elective rather than a required subject.

Change of assignment of the music coordinator from a half-time to a full-time position.

Scheduling meetings of ninth grade choirs five days a week in all junior high schools when possible.

Eighth grade general music changed from a required to an elective course.



The Birmingham student can participate in instrumental music instruction from the time he enters the fourth grade until he is graduated from high school. The annual concert

brings all music students together for a system-wide public performance.