

Tracy Wilmes

Middle School/High School Art

Tracy Wilmes has a Bachelor of Arts degree in art education from Eastern Illinois University. In addition, he studied printmaking at Savannah College of Art and Design and did post-secondary work at the University of North Florida.

Mr. Wilmes has been in public school education for over a decade. He taught art and math education in Illinois, North Carolina, and Florida, and served as Fine Arts Department Head and as an advanced placement art teacher. He has instructed a wide variety of comprehensive, hands-on art programs and developed two dimensional and three dimensional curricula.

Mr. Wilmes understands the unique facets of teaching art education and how it spurs creative thinking, which is critical to all careers. Several of his graduates have continued their education at Savannah College of Art and Design (SCAD), Ringling College of Art and Design, and the School of Visual Arts in New York while others have had successful careers at the J. Paul Getty Museum and Chrysler Corporation.

In addition to his public service, Wilmes owned and operated Cup O' Pottery studio for more than a decade, where he taught hand-building, sculpture, and wheel throwing. He served as a partner in the arts with public, private, and home schools, and sponsored interns from local high schools. He also sold his functional pottery to galleries across the nation and the Virgin Islands.

Mr. Wilmes believes art plays a vital role in providing texture to the community. He has written several grants for art education enrichment programs and collaborated in several community-wide student art projects, such as painting sea life murals under bridges and creating soup bowls for the hungry. He is a new member of the Oklahoma Contemporary. Wilmes holds a US Soccer coaching license and currently resides in Jones, Oklahoma with his wife and two wonderful children.

