

# OPENING NEW DOORS: LOOKING AT ART TO BUILD SKILLS

SCHOOL TOUR 2023-24 – TAILORED FOR ALL AGES



In 1911, the school superintendent in McPherson, Kansas, organized an exhibition to acquire artwork for a new high school. Before the mid-century, schools in dozens of Kansas communities, including boarding schools for Indigenous students and segregated schools, joined McPherson in acquiring original art. *To the Stars Through Art* will feature 70 paintings and prints by Blackbear Bosin, Norma Bassett Hall, Walter Ufer and other artists, from more than a dozen schools and history museums across the state.

School tours will focus on using art to develop a broad range of interdisciplinary learning skills including observation activities, language arts/creative writing, critical thinking skills, and developing communication skills through Visual Thinking Strategies discussions. Staff will work with teachers to customize activities for grade levels. Students will curate a mini-exhibition to take home.

Tours are free, available Tuesday-Friday, last 1-1 ½ hours.  
Bus funds are available, provided by donations to the museum.

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