

		Early Childhood Arts Education Standards	Arts Ed Instructional Requirement Elementary	Arts Ed Instructional Requirement High School	Arts Ed Instructional Requirement Middle School	Arts Ed Instructional Requirement High School	Arts Ed Instructional Requirement High School	Arts Alternatives for High School Graduation	Arts Ed Requirements for State Accreditation	Licensure Requirements for Arts Teachers	Licensure Requirements for Non-Arts Teachers	State Arts Ed Grant Program or School for Arts	
	Arts as Core Academic Subject	Elementary & Secondary Arts Education Standards	Arts Ed Instructional Requirement Middle School	Arts Ed Instructional Requirement High School	Arts Ed Instructional Requirement High School	Arts Ed Instructional Requirement High School	Arts Ed Instructional Requirement High School	Arts Ed Assessment Requirements	Arts Ed Assessment Requirements	Licensure Requirements for Non-Arts Teachers	Licensure Requirements for Non-Arts Teachers	State Arts Ed Grant Program or School for Arts	
Alabama	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	
Alaska	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	
Arizona	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	
Arkansas	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	
California	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	
Colorado	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	
Connecticut	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	
District of Columbia	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	
Delaware	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	
Florida	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	
Georgia	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	
Hawaii	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	
Idaho	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	
Illinois	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	
Indiana	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	
Iowa	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	
Kansas	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	
Kentucky	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	
Louisiana	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	
Maine	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	
Maryland	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	
Massachusetts	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	
Michigan	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	
Minnesota	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	
Mississippi	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	
Missouri	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	
Montana	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	
Nebraska	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	
Nevada	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	
New Hampshire	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	
New Jersey	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	
New Mexico	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	
New York	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	
North Carolina	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	
North Dakota	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	
Ohio	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	
Oklahoma	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	
Oregon	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	
Pennsylvania	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	
Rhode Island	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	
South Carolina	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	
South Dakota	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	
Tennessee	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	
Texas	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	
Utah	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	
Vermont	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	
Virginia	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	
Washington	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	
West Virginia	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	
Wisconsin	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	
Wyoming	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	
YES	27	49	50	45	45	44	26	19	17	17	36	43	20
NO	24	2	1	6	6	7	25	32	34	34	15	8	31

The State of the States 2016 summarizes state policies for arts education identified in statute or administrative code for all 50 states and the District of Columbia. Information is based on a comprehensive search of state education statute and codes on each state’s relevant websites. Complete results from this review are available in an online searchable database at www.aep-arts.org.

Note: Only those policies found in state statute, law or administrative regulations/code that refer explicitly to arts education are included here.

Arts as a Core Academic Subject	State defines the arts as a core or academic subject.
Early Childhood Arts Education Standards	State adopted early childhood or pre-kindergarten content or performance standards for any or all disciplines of arts education.
Elementary and Secondary Arts Education Standards	State adopted elementary and secondary content or performance standards for any or all disciplines of arts education.
Arts Education Instructional Requirement – Elementary School	State requires school districts or schools to provide or offer arts instruction in one or more arts disciplines at the elementary school level.
Arts Education Instructional Requirement – Middle School	State requires school districts or schools to provide or offer arts instruction in one or more arts disciplines at the middle school level.
Arts Education Instructional Requirement – High School	State requires school districts or schools to provide or offer arts instruction in one or more arts disciplines at the high school level.
Arts Requirements for High School Graduation	State requires course credits in the arts for high school graduation.
Arts Alternatives for High School Graduation	State includes arts course credits as an option to fulfill graduation requirements.
Arts Education Assessment Requirements	State requires state, district, or school-level assessment of student learning in the arts.
Arts Education Requirements for State Accreditation	State specifies arts education as a requirement for schools to be accredited.
Licensure Requirements for Non-Arts Teachers	State specifies arts requirements for initial licensure or certification of non-arts teachers.
Licensure Requirements for Arts Teachers	State specifies requirements for endorsement, initial licensure, or certification of arts teachers or arts specialists in one or more arts disciplines.
State Arts Education Grant Program or School for the Arts	State provides funding for an arts education grant program or a state-funded school for the arts.



ArtScan, a project of the Arts Education Partnership, is an easy-to-use and searchable database that provides the most current information on 14 combined policy areas related to K-12 arts education. ArtScan allows users to explore the data in multiple ways, including a state-level profile for all policy areas, a comparison of selected states and policy areas and several types of 50-state reports.