



NATIONAL  
ART EDUCATION  
ASSOCIATION

**Position Statement on Certified/Licensed Visual Art Educators in Pre-K through 12 School Settings [Adopted April 2010; Reviewed and Revised March 2013; Reviewed and Revised March 2016; Reviewed and Revised March 2019]**

The visual arts in Pre-K through 12 school settings should be taught by effective educators who are certified/licensed in visual art. An effective educator who is certified/licensed in visual art should have pre service experience in the grade level and content area in which they are pursuing the profession. Effective educators who are certified/licensed in visual art should:

- Have a thorough understanding of the visual arts including history, studio skills, art criticism, aesthetics, and the study of visual art and cultures.
- Have a knowledge of teaching methodologies and how to apply them to the visual arts classroom.
- Have an ongoing understanding of and ability to integrate current and emerging technology into their teaching.
- Understand students as learners, including diverse characteristics, abilities, and learning styles. Help students understand the ways in which the arts make meaning, connect with the entire curriculum, and prepare students for success in school, work, and life.
- Pursue ongoing professional development to support their continuous improvement in both teaching and the arts.