



The National Arts Education Accord

Four associations—the National Art Education Association, the Music Educators National Conference, the American Alliance for Theatre and Education, and the National Dance Association—serve as the national voice for arts education in the United States. Together they represent all levels and all fields of specialization within arts education and work to fulfill their mandate to advance education in all the arts.

These four associations have a history of serving their large professional memberships and the public by representing public and private school teachers of the arts, supporting research and scholarship in arts education, and serving as advocates for the strengthening of arts education programs. Their on-going history of effective service is especially apparent in relation to arts instruction in elementary and secondary schools, in college and university programs that prepare teachers of the arts, and in the supervision and administration of the arts in education at the local and state levels. They recognize that there are many dimensions to teaching and learning in the visual and performing arts and that other organizations share their concern for the arts in American life.

The following statements represent a summary of certain beliefs, objectives, and positions of the National Art Education Association, the Music Educators National Conference, the American Alliance for Theatre and Education, and the National Dance Association.

{Foreword from the National Arts Education Accord}

A complete copy of *The National Arts Education Accord* may be obtained from the NAEA office.