

OAEA Position Statement:**The Importance of Visual Art Education for All Grade Levels**

The Ohio Art Education Association believes that a quality education for students includes visual art education taught by a professional teacher credentialed with certification or licensure in visual art scheduled every year at every grade level kindergarten through grade eight and made available at the secondary level.

We promote the following requirements for quality art education for all Ohio students:

- Visual art education will be available every year to all students in grades kindergarten through grade twelve.
- Visual art education will be required in the annual curriculum for grades kindergarten through grade eight.
- Visual art education will be an available elective for four years of study at the secondary level as a college/career path for students.
- Two semesters of fine arts credit, which include options in visual art, music, dance, and/or drama/theater study, will be required at the secondary level for all high school diplomas.