

## **OAEA Position Statement:**

### Ohio Visual Art Learning Standards and the National Core Arts Standards

It is the belief of the Ohio Art Education Association that a quality education for students includes comprehensive and rigorous content standards. The OAEA recognizes that the [Ohio Department of Education](#) has established thoroughly researched, written, tested, implemented and revised content standards in the visual arts through a process that included many OAEA members in the development. The OAEA recognizes that the [National Coalition for Core Arts Standards](#) has similarly endeavored through a rigorous process to develop [National Core Arts Standards](#) which includes the visual art content area.

As the content standards have been adopted into the Ohio Revised Code, the OAEA encourages its members, Ohio visual art teachers, schools and districts to align with the Ohio Department of Education's recommendation to "use the standards to help develop the creative imagination, skills and dispositions that students need to reach their highest potential and participate in our global community as innovative and valued citizens." (revised standards 2012).

The OAEA encourages its members, Ohio visual art teachers, schools and districts to study the National Core Arts Standards in visual art, to recognize the areas which overlap the Ohio standards and to consider voluntarily implementing areas that would most benefit their students, complement classroom goals and enrich their teaching.

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- Many OAEA members were involved in the development of Ohio's Visual Art Learning Standards. These revised standards were thoroughly researched, written, tested and implemented in Ohio.
- The Ohio State Board of Education adopted the revised visual art state learning standards in response to a provision in Ohio Revised House Bill 1.
- All OAEA members, Ohio visual art teachers, schools and districts are encouraged to follow the Ohio Department of Education recommendation to "use the Ohio standards to help develop the creative, imagination, skills and dispositions that students need to reach their highest potential and participation in our global community as innovative and valued citizens." (revised standards 2012.)
- The National Coalition for Core Arts Standards has endeavored through a rigorous process to develop National Core Arts Standards which include the visual arts.
- All OAEA members, Ohio visual art teachers, schools and districts are encouraged to study the National Core Arts Standards in visual art in order to recognize the areas which overlap Ohio standards and to consider voluntarily implementing areas that would most benefit their students and enrich their teaching and learning.

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