

**Arts Education State Policy Summary** 

	Arts as a Core Academic Subject	c or Edu	Elementary and/ or Secondary Arts Education Standards		Arts Education Instructional Requirement – Middle School		Arts Alternatives for High School Graduation		Arts Education Assessment Requirements	Re	Licensure Requirements for Arts Teachers		Continuing Education Requirements for Arts Teachers	
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Alabama			•	•		•				•	•		•	7
Alaska			•								•			2
Arizona	•	•	•	•	•		•	•		•	•	•	•	11
Arkansas	•		•	•	•	•				•	•	•	•	9
California	•	•	•	•	•		•	•		•	•	•	•	11
Colorado	•	•	•	•	•					•	•	•		8
Connecticut	•	•	•	•	•	•		•		•	•	•	•	11
DC			•	•	•	•		•			•	•		7
Delaware		•	•	•	•				•		•	•	•	8
Florida		•	•			•				•	•	•	•	7
Georgia			•				•				•	•		4
Hawaii			•	•	•		•				•			5
Idaho			•	•			•		•		•		•	6
Illinois	•	•			•					•		•		9
Indiana				•						•	•		•	9
lowa														5
Kansas	•				•	•								10
Kentucky								•						11
Louisiana				•										10
Maine										•				8
Maryland	•									•		•		9
Massachusetts				•	•	•								9
	•	•	•				•	•		•	•	•		9
Michigan			•	•	•	•			•	•	•	•	•	
Minnesota	•		•	•	-	•		•	•	•	•	•	•	11
Mississippi	•		•	•	-	•		_	•	•	•	•	•	10
Missouri	•		•	•	•	•		•		•	•	•		9
Montana			•	•	•	•			•	•	•	•		8
Nebraska	•			•	•					•	•	•	•	7
Nevada	•		•	•	•		•				•	•		7
New Hampshire	•		•	•	•	•			•	•	•	•	•	10
New Jersey	•	•	•	•	•	•			•	•	•	•	•	11
New Mexico		•	•	•							•	•	•	6
New York	•		•	•	•	•			•	•	•		•	9
North Carolina	•	•	•	•	•		•		•	•	•		•	10
North Dakota	•		•	•	•		•				•		•	7
Ohio	•		•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•		•	11
Oklahoma	•	•	•	•	•		•		•		•	•		9
Oregon	•		•				•			•	•	•	•	7
Pennsylvania	•	•	•	•	•		•		•	•	•	•	•	11
Rhode Island	•		•	•	•				•	•	•		•	8
South Carolina			•	•	•		•	•		•	•	•	•	9
South Dakota			•			•				•	•	•	•	6
Tennessee		•	•	•	•	•		•	•	•	•	•	•	11
Texas	•	•	•	•	•	•				•	•	•	•	10
Utah	•		•	•	•	•					•	•	•	8
Vermont		•	•	•	•	•			•	•	•	•	•	10
Virginia	•	•	•	•	•		•			•	•	•	•	10
Washington	•		•	•	•	•		•	•	•	•	•	•	11
West Virginia	•	•	•	•	•	•		•			•		•	9
Wisconsin		•	•	•	•					•	•	•	•	8
Wyoming	•		•	•	•	•	•				•	•	•	9
TOTAL	32	23	49	45	41	27	18	14	18	37	51	41	41	



The State of the States 2012 summarizes state policies for arts education identified in statute or code for all 50 states and the District of Columbia. Information is based primarily on results from the AEP Arts Education State Policy Survey conducted in 2010-11, and updated in April 2012. Complete results from the survey are available in an online searchable database at **www.aep-arts.org**. AEP extends special thanks to the State Education Agency Directors of Arts Education for their assistance with all aspects of the AEP State Policy Survey.

Arts as a Core Academic Subject	State defines the arts in statute or code as a core or academic subject.					
Early Learning or Pre-K Arts Education Standards	State adopted early learning or pre-kindergarten content or performance standards for any or all disciplines of arts education.					
Elementary and/or Secondary Arts Education Standards	State adopted elementary and/or secondary content or performance standards for any or all disciplines of arts education.					
Arts Education Instructional Requirement— Elementary School	State requires 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 districts or schools to provide or offer arts instruction in one or more arts disciplines at the middle 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 does not require course credits in the arts for high school graduation but may include arts courses (among other options) as an alternative requirement.					
Arts Requirements for College Admissions	State requires course credits in the arts for admission to any of its public colleges or universities.					
Arts Education Assessment Requirements	State requires state-, district- or school-level assessment of student learning in the arts.					
Licensure Requirements for Non-Arts Generalist Teachers	State specifies arts requirements for initial licensure or certification of generalist classroom (non-arts) teachers.					
Licensure Requirements for Arts Teachers	State specifies requirements for endorsement, licensure, or certification of arts teachers or arts specialists in one or more arts disciplines.					
Alternative Certification for Arts Teachers	State specifies an alternative route to endorsement, certification, or licensure of arts teachers or arts specialists in one or more arts disciplines, in which prospective teachers do not necessarily have to attend a college, campusbased program.					
Continuing Education Requirements for Arts Teachers	State requires continuing education or recertification of arts teachers beyond what is required for initial certification.					

**Sources:** State Departments of Education; State Education Agency Directors of Arts Education (SEADAE); National Assembly of State Arts Agencies (NASAA); Academic Employment Network; College Board; Education Commission of the States, *Artscan* Database; Georgia Professional Standards Commission; National Center for Alternative Education.