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	Arts as a Core Academic Subject	Early Childood Arts Education Standards	Elementary and Secondary Arts Education Standards	Arts Education Instructional Requirement – Elementary School	Arts Education Instructional Requirement – Middle School	Arts Education Instructional Requirement – High School	Arts Requirements for High School Graduation	Arts Alternatives for High School Graduation	Arts Education Assessment Requirements	Arts Education Requirements for State Accreditation	Licensure Requirements for Non-Arts Teachers	Licensure Requirements for Arts Teachers	State Arts Education Grant Program or School for the Arts
Alabama	•	•	•	•	•	•		•		•	•	•	•
Alaska		•	•										
Arizona	•	•	•	•	•	•		•	•		•	•	
Arkansas			•	•	•	•	•			•			•
California	•	•	•	•	•	•		•			•	•	•
Colorado		•	•			•			•		•	•	•
Connecticut		•	•	•	•	•	•	•			•	•	
District of Columbia		•	•				•				•	•	
Delaware		•	•	•	•	•						•	
Florida		•	•	•	•	•	•				•	•	•
Georgia	•	•	•	•	•	•		•				•	•
Hawaii		•	•					•	•				
Idaho			•	•	•			•	•		•	•	
Illinois	•	•	•	•	•	•		•			•	•	•
Indiana		•	•	•	•	•		•		•	•	•	•
Iowa		•		•	•	•				•	•	•	
Kansas		•	•	•	•	•	•			•		•	
Kentucky	•	•	•	•	•	•	•		•			•	•
Louisiana	•	•	•	•	•		•				•	•	•
Maine	•	•	•	•	•	•	•			•	•	•	•
Maryland	•	•	•	•	•	•	•			•		•	
Massachusetts	•	•	•	•	•	•			•	•	•	•	
Michigan		•	•				•				•		
Minnesota	•		•	•	•	•	•	•	•		•	•	•
Mississippi	•	•	•	•	•	•	•						•
Missouri			•	•	•	•	•			•		•	
Montana		•	•	•	•	•	•		•	•	•	•	
Nebraska	•	•	•	•	•	•					•	•	
Nevada		•	•	•	•	•		•				•	
New Hampshire	•	•	•	•	•	•	•		•	•	•	•	
New Jersey	•	•	•	•	•	•	•		•		•	•	•
New Mexico	•	•	•	•	•					•	•	•	•
New York		•	•	•	•	•	•				•	•	•
North Carolina	•	•	•	•	•	•		•			•	•	•
North Dakota	•	•	•	•	•	•		•		•	•	•	
Ohio			•	•	•	•	•	•	•		•	•	
Oklahoma	•	•	•	•	•	•		•	•	•	•	•	•
Oregon	•	•	•	•	•	•		•			•	•	
Pennsylvania		•	•	•	•	•			•		•		
Rhode Island	•	•	•	•	•	•		•	•			•	
South Carolina	•		•	•	•	•					•	•	•
South Dakota		•	•			•	•					•	
Tennessee		•	•	•	•	•	•				•	•	
Texas	•	•	•	•	•	•	•			•		•	
Utah	•	•	•	•	•	•	•				•	•	•
Vermont		•	•	•	•	•	•		•		•	•	
Virginia	•	•	•	•	•	•		•			•	•	
Washington	•	•	•	•	•	•	•		•			•	
West Virginia		•	•	•	•	•	•	•			•		
Wisconsin		•	•	•	•	•				•	•	•	
Wyoming	•	•	•	•	•	•	•		•	•			
TOTAL	**27**	**45**	**50**	**45**	**45**	**44**	**26**	**19**	**17**	**17**	**35**	**43**	**20**

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The *State of the States 2015* summarizes state policies for arts education identified in statute or administrative code for all 50 states and the District of Columbia. Information is based on a comprehensive search of state education statute and codes on each state's relevant websites. Complete results from this review are available in an online searchable database at **www.aep-arts.org.**

Note: Only those policies found in state statute, law, or administrative regulations/code that refer explicitly to arts education are included here.

Arts as a Core Academic Subject	*State defines the arts as a core or academic subject.*
Early Childhood Arts Education Standards	*State adopted early childhood or pre-kindergarten content or performance standards for any or all disciplines of arts education.*
Elementary and Secondary Arts Education Standards	*State adopted elementary and secondary content or performance standards for any or all disciplines of arts education.*
Arts Education Instructional Requirement—Elementary School	*State requires school 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 school districts or schools to provide or offer arts instruction in one or more arts disciplines at the middle school level.*
Arts Education Instructional Requirement—High School	*State requires school districts or schools to provide or offer arts instruction in one or more arts disciplines at the high 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 includes arts course credits as an option to fulfill graduation requirements.*
Arts Education Assessment Requirements	*State requires state, district, or school-level assessment of student learning in the arts.*
Arts Education Requirements for State Accreditation	*State specifies arts education as a requirement for schools to be accredited.*
Licensure Requirements for Non-Arts Teachers	*State specifies arts requirements for initial licensure or certification of non-arts teachers.*
Licensure Requirements for Arts Teachers	*State specifies requirements for endorsement, initial licensure, or certification of arts teachers or arts specialists in one or more arts disciplines.*
State Arts Education Grant Program or School for the Arts	*State provides funding for an arts education grant program or a state-funded school for the arts.*

ArtScan

ArtScan, a project of the Arts Education Partnership, is an easy-to-use and searchable database that provides the most current information on 14 combined policy areas related to K-12 arts education. ArtScan allows users to explore the data in multiple ways, including a state-level profile for all policy areas, a comparison of selected states and policy areas, and several types of 50-state reports. **www.aep.arts.org**

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