

Testimonials

"The Michigan Department of Education offers to schools the tools developed by the Michigan Arts Education Instruction and Assessment (MAEIA) project to support their pursuit of the highest quality arts education for Michigan students.

As you evaluate your arts programs in the annual school improvement context, I encourage you to use the MAEIA tools to assess the status of your program; identify criteria for improvement; and use Michigan developed model assessments in dance, music, theater and visual arts toward student and teacher growth and program improvement."



—**Brian J. Whiston**, State Superintendent
Michigan Department of Education

"In 2011-12, the Michigan Youth Arts Leadership Roundtable conducted a statewide survey of arts education that provided baseline data at the school building level. That set the stage for MAEIA to create a process and a set of tools that will help districts understand excellence in arts education, and to evaluate and improve arts education programs in support of education of the whole child."



—**Marianne Dorais**, Executive Director
Michigan Youth Arts

The MAEIA Project has been developed by the Michigan Assessment Consortium (MAC) and Data Recognition Corporation (DRC) for the Michigan Department of Education (MDE) in partnership with Michigan educators.

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MAEIA was developed to support Michigan school districts, school buildings, educators, and the public in implementing a high quality arts education program in dance, music, theatre, and visual arts for all students. The use of these resources by educators is voluntary. MAEIA is comprised of the following resources:

- Michigan Blueprint of a Quality Arts Education Program—a goal-setting document for arts education programs and school improvement purposes. The Blueprint describes the highest standards of successful arts education programs in dance, music, theatre and visual arts along seven criteria that are aligned with the Michigan School Improvement Framework. The Blueprint is intended for use by district-level decision-makers, generalists, parents, and the community working together to improve the arts education program as part of an on-going school improvement process. The gold standard statements are aspirational and provide broad descriptions of what the best available research and recommendations indicate are necessary for all students to be career and college-ready.

A MAEIA companion document to the Blueprint—Michigan Arts Education Blueprint Research and Recommendations provides users with supporting documentation for each criterion and indicator in each arts discipline. It can serve as a resource to those working to improve the arts education program as part of the district and building school improvement process.



- MAEIA Arts Education Program Review Tool—a self-study tool districts and schools can use to analyze and reflect on the status of their own arts education program. Based on Blueprint criteria and indicators, the MAEIA Arts Education Program Review Tool can provide useful information about the nature of the arts education program and can become the basis for enhancing their arts education program in the context of school improvement.
- Michigan Arts Education Assessment Specifications and Model Assessments—a set of recommendations for appropriate assessments in the arts based on the Michigan Merit Curriculum and aligned to national standards. The Assessment Specifications communicate important content and how that content will be assessed to a wide variety of audiences. It helps the full array of potential users understand the purposes and uses, as well as provide more specific information on how to accurately read and interpret MAEIA arts education assessments. The model assessments are available to all Michigan K-12 educators to assess student learning in dance, music, theatre and visual arts. MAEIA assessment data can be included as part of educator effectiveness plans.

Blueprint of the Seven Essential Criteria of a Gold Standard Arts Education Program

Arts education is essential to the complete education of all Michigan students. The MAEIA Blueprint is built around seven large categories referred to as criteria that research agrees are critical to providing a high quality education in the arts for all students:

- A. Student Access
- B. Facilities and Resources
- C. Policies and Accountability
- D. Connections
- E. Professional Learning and Instructional Support
- F. Community and Cultural Collaboration
- G. Program Planning, Review, and Improvement

These seven criteria are aligned to the Michigan School Improvement Framework. Each criterion is more fully described through a series of related indicators, i.e. individual factors that contribute to the overall quality of an arts education program.

