

How States and their School Systems Can Use the MAEIA Assessments



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Educators have access to a variety of arts education and assessment resources that were commissioned by the Michigan Department of Education and developed by the Michigan Assessment Consortium. While originally developed for use by Michigan educators, they are also available (at no cost) to other state education agencies and school systems in any state.

Access to the Michigan Arts Education Instruction and Assessment (MAEIA) resources can be found on the MAEIA website at <https://maeia-artsednetwork.org>. A one-time registration on the site opens access to all MAEIA resources. Creative Commons licenses on all materials permit them to be downloaded for use in your state at no cost.

The website provides access to several types of MAEIA resources:

- **Arts Blueprint** of a High-Quality Arts Education Program
- A **compendium of research/references** supporting the assertions contained in the Arts Blueprint
- A **Program Review Tool** that permits schools or districts to examine their arts education programs in order to support program and school improvement
- **360 arts performance assessments** in dance, music, theatre, and visual arts in grade bands K-2, 3-5, 6-8, and 9-12. The pool of items includes both one-class-period performance events and multi-class period performance tasks. Each assessment is coded to the National Core Arts standards, which many states are using to guide their instruction, assessment, and professional learning activities.
- **Educator evaluation resources** that support the use of the assessments for arts educators to demonstrate their effectiveness
- **Administrator resources** to help building and district administrators understand what to look for in arts classroom observations
- **Collaborative scoring software** (OSCAR Classroom) for teacher use to inexpensively and anonymously score student work so as to better understand what constitutes challenging instruction and high levels of student achievement
- A **learning community** of like-minded professionals

MAEIA resources were created to serve a variety of purposes:

- Improve the quality of arts education programs
- Monitor and improve student learning in the arts
- Support professional practice and improve teacher effectiveness
- Advance arts as a key element of a well-rounded education

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MAEIA offers a set of resources to support each of the 360 performance assessments in the arts:

- A Teacher Booklet that links the assessment to state and national standards
- A brief overview of the assessment
- Resources needed to administer the assessment
- Descriptions of the time needed to administer the assessment
- Teacher and student directions for administering the assessment
- Teacher scoring rubrics that teacher can use to evaluate student work
- Suggestions for how the assessment can be used by teachers to demonstrate their effectiveness
- A Student Booklet with the directions and rubrics for use with students (for most assessments)
- Both PDF and MS WORD formats, permitting teachers to customize assessments for embedded use with planned instruction

Don't wait! Access the MAEIA resources today, and share them with educators within your state!