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Position Statement on Certified/Licensed Visual Art Educators in Pre-K through 12 School Settings [Adopted April 2010; Reviewed and Revised March 2013; Reviewed and Revised March 2016; Reviewed and Revised March 2019]

The visual arts in Pre-K through 12 school settings should be taught by effective educators who are certified/licensed in visual art. An effective educator who is certified/licensed in visual art should have pre-service experience in the grade level and content area in which they are pursuing the profession. Effective educators who are certified/licensed in visual art should:

- Have a thorough understanding of the visual arts including history, studio skills, art criticism, aesthetics, and the study of visual art and cultures.
- Have a knowledge of teaching methodologies and how to apply them to the visual arts classroom.
- Have an ongoing understanding of and ability to integrate current and emerging technology into their teaching.
- Understand students as learners, including diverse characteristics, abilities, and learning styles.
- Help students understand the ways in which the arts make meaning, connect with the entire curriculum, and prepare students for success in school, work, and life.
- Pursue ongoing professional development to support their continuous improvement in both teaching and the arts