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NCCAS Releases Update on State Arts Standards Adoption

The [National Coalition for Core Arts Standards](#) (NCCAS) has released a report entitled "The Status of Arts Standards Revisions in the United States since 2014." The report is the result of an analysis of states who have revised their standards since the publication of the [National Core Arts Standards](#) in June 2014.

The National Core Arts Standards for dance, media arts, music, theatre, and visual arts, were created in a transparent inclusive process engaging over 130 arts educators as writers and 6,000 reviewers. These PreK-12 grade-by-grade standards were written to guide educators seeking to provide quality arts education for America's students, define artistic literacy, and support 21st century skills and college and career readiness.

Commencing in January 2015, NCCAS member organization [Americans for the Arts](#), in partnership with the [State Education Agency Directors of Arts Education](#), began conducting the research culminating in this report. With the assistance of other NCCAS member organizations, Americans for the Arts interviewed and collected information from more than 270 individuals and organizations from across the nation, including state department of education arts curriculum directors, state arts agencies, and several other public sector partners with expertise in state arts standards revisions.

Jane Best, executive director of the [Arts Education Partnership](#) said of the report, "It is affirming to see so many states reviewing, revisiting, and renewing arts education standards. This is a meaningful step to ensuring that all children have exposure to the arts as part of a well-rounded education."

The [report](#) may be downloaded from the resources section of the National Coalition for Core Arts standards interactive home at <http://www.nationalartsstandards.org/content/resources>

The National Coalition for Core Arts Standards is an alliance of national arts and arts education organizations dedicated to ensuring quality standards-based arts opportunities for all students. Members include the American Alliance for Theatre in Education; Americans for the Arts; Educational Theatre Association; National Art Education Association; National Association for Music Education; National Dance Education Organization; NCCAS Media Arts Committee; and Young Audiences Arts for Learning.

