



National Coalition for **CORE ARTS** Standards

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NCCAS launches public review of PreK-8 draft arts standards June 30

The National Coalition for Core Arts Standards (NCCAS) will release PreK-8 draft standards for an online public review June 30 through July 15. A preliminary invitational review of the draft eighth-grade standards was completed in April. Almost 500 respondents, consisting of groups selected by the NCCAS leadership organizations, as well as state teams of educators, teaching artists, and community arts providers reviewed the work created by discipline writing teams in dance, media arts, music, theatre, and visual arts.

Anyone with an interest is welcome to participate in the public review of one or more of the discipline grade-band drafts in dance, media arts, music, theatre, and visual arts. Please visit the NCCAS website at <http://nccas.wikispaces.com/NCCAS+June+30th+Public+Review> for detailed instructions.

NCCAS is the coalition of national arts and education organizations and media arts representatives that are developing the 2014 National Core Arts Standards. The new, voluntary grade-by-grade web-based standards are intended to affirm the place of arts education in a balanced core curriculum, support the 21st-century needs of students and teachers, and help ensure that all students are college and career ready. The arts standards emphasize “big ideas,” philosophical foundations, enduring understandings/essential questions, and anchor/performance standards, all of which are intended to guide the curriculum development and instructional practices that leads to arts literacy for all students.

The NCCAS standards writing teams are currently working on drafts of the high school (9-12) standards; an invitational review of the high school work will occur in September. A public review of the comprehensive draft PreK-12 standards, including model cornerstone assessments, will begin in January, 2014. The current project timeline includes a release date of March, 2014, for the complete and finished standards.

For the most current information about the project, visit <http://nccas.wikispaces.com>, or the NCCAS Facebook page at www.facebook.com/NationalCoalitionForCoreArtsStandards.

