

**The Status of Arts Standards Revision in the United States since 2014**

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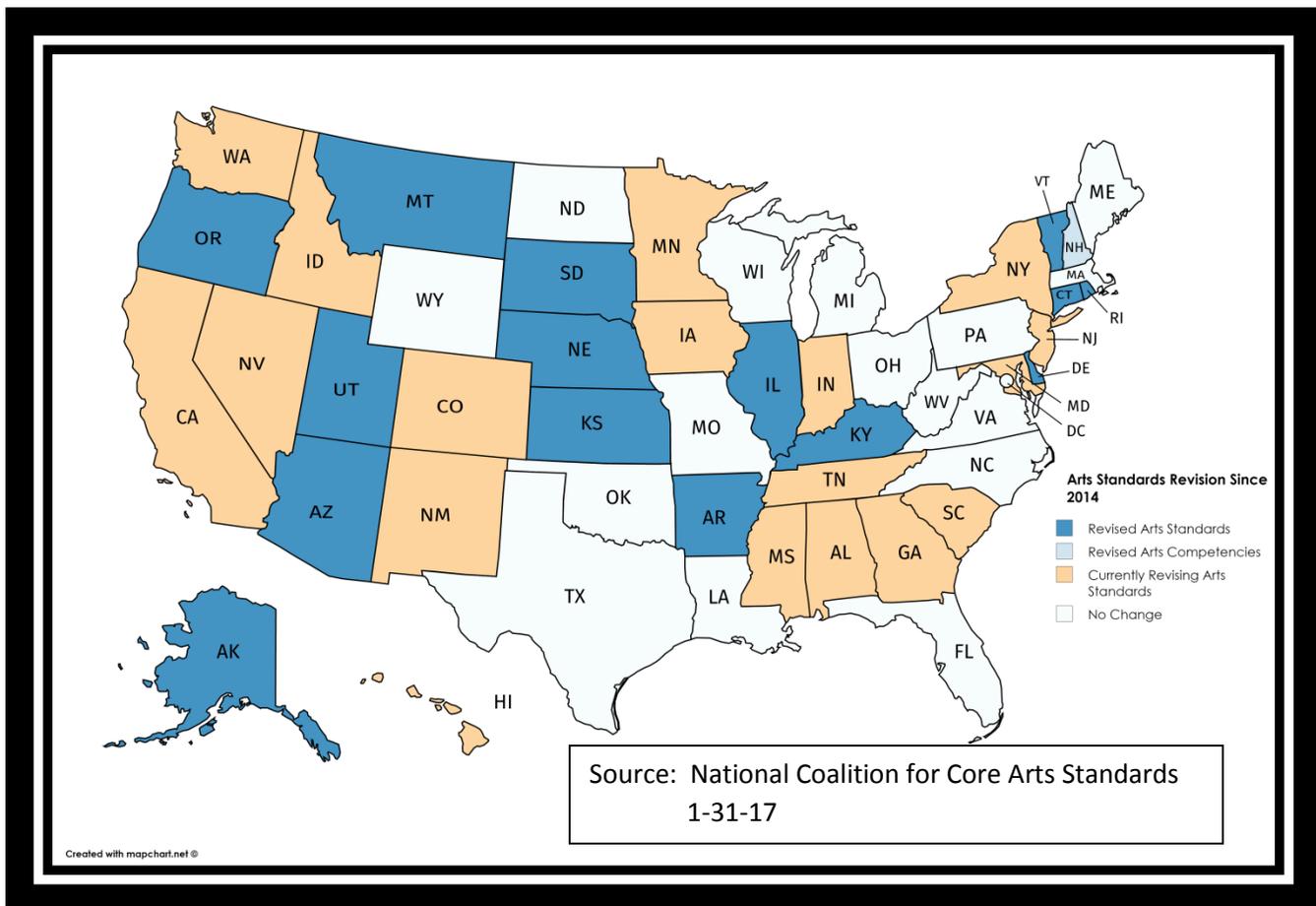
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## **Introduction: What is the status of arts standards in 2017?**

Since the June, 2014 release of the National Core Arts Standards, 15 states and the Department of Defense have adopted revised arts standards. An additional state, New Hampshire, has updated Arts Competencies for its schools. Currently, 19 states are in the process of revising their state arts standards. Some states have adopted the voluntary national standards as their own, the most recent being Rhode Island in January. Other states reviewed or made changes to their standards employing the National Core Arts Standards as one of their revision sources.

Adoption of new standards at the state level does not happen quickly: state standards writing and revision involves a broad range of public input including outreach to educators, administrators, legislatures, parents, and students. For example, Illinois, a state which adopted revised arts standards in 2016 using the National Core Arts Standards as a foundation, reached out to numerous state arts educators and stakeholders to create their revised set of standards. NCCAS fully supports the adaptation of the National Core Arts Standards to help states meet their education needs. (To learn more about the states standards adoption process, visit NAFME's [State Standards Adoption Toolkit](#).)

In many ways, the standards revision process can serve as an intersecting point of dialogue and communication as communities reflect on what it means to have access to a high quality education in the arts and why it is important. The creation of the National Core Arts Standards themselves prompted deep and meaningful conversations among the member organizations that created them and the more than 130 arts educators and 6000 reviewers who participated in their creation. In turn, the publication of these voluntary national core arts standards can prompt a rich dialogue between students, educators, administrators, policy makers, parents and community members about access and advocacy for the arts to ensure artistic literacy for all.



## State by State Breakdown

**Alabama** – The Alabama State Department of Education is currently in a public process for the revision of new arts education standards. Revisions will be presented to the Board of Education for vote in April of 2017.

**Alaska** – The Alaska Board of Education adopted new arts education standards in March 2016. [Read the standards here.](#)

**Arizona** – The Arizona Board of Education adopted new arts education standards in May 2015. [Read the standards here.](#)

**Arkansas** – The Arkansas Board of Education adopted new standards for fine arts education in January of 2015. [Read the standards here.](#)

**California** – The California Board of Education, through AB 2862, authorized revision of the visual and performing arts standards by 2019.

**Colorado** – Colorado Department of Education is currently developing a plan to guide a review and revision process of their arts standards to be completed by July of 2018. [Information and updates may be accessed here.](#)

**Connecticut** – The Connecticut Board of Education recommended adopting the online platform and tools as presented by the National Core Arts Standards website in October of 2016, while considering specific guidelines for implementation in the state.

**Delaware** – The Delaware State Board of Education adopted new arts education standards in March 2016. [Read the standards here.](#)

**District of Columbia** – There is currently no public plan for the District of Columbia State Board of Education to adopt new arts education standards.

**Florida** – There is currently no public plan for the Florida Department of Education to adopt new arts education standards.

**Georgia** – The Georgia Department of Education is currently in a public process for the revision of new arts education standards in theatre, visual arts and media arts. They will update arts education standards in music and dance beginning in 2018.

**Hawaii** – The Hawaii Department of Education is currently in a public process for the revision of new arts education standards.

**Idaho** – The Idaho 2017 legislature is in process of reviewing for adoption, new fine arts standards which are an adaptation of the National Core Arts Standards.

**Illinois** – The Illinois State Board of Education adopted new arts education standards in June 2016. [Read the standards here.](#)

**Indiana** – The Indiana Department of Education is currently in the process of revising fine arts standards in dance, music, visual arts, and theatre.

**Iowa** – As of January of 2017, the Iowa Department of Education is beginning the process of adopting state standards for the fine arts.

**Kansas** – The Kansas State Board of Education adopted new arts education standards in the disciplines of theatre (2013), music and art (2015). The Department of Education is currently revising arts education standards in dance and expect to have new standards to go before the Board of Education in late spring. Read the standards for [theatre](#), [music](#) and [visual art](#).

**Kentucky** – The Kentucky Board of Education adopted new arts education standards in June 2015. [Read the standards here.](#)

**Louisiana** – There is currently no public plan for the Louisiana Department of Education to adopt new arts education standards.

**Maine** – There is currently no public plan for the Maine State Department of Education to adopt new arts education standards.

**Maryland** – The Maryland State Department of Education has completed the state fine arts standards revision to align state indicators and expectations with the National Core Arts Standards. The Maryland Board of Education will vote on the adoption of new arts education standards in spring 2017.

**Massachusetts** – There is currently no public plan for the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education to adopt new arts education standards.

**Michigan** – There is currently no public plan for the Michigan Department of Education to adopt new arts education standards.

**Minnesota** – The Minnesota Department of Education, in collaboration with the Perpich Center for Arts Education, will begin the revision process during the 2017-2018 school year.

**Mississippi** – The Mississippi Department of Education is currently in a public process for the revision of new arts education standards.

**Missouri** – There is currently no public plan for the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education to adopt new arts education standards.

**Montana** – The Montana Board of Public Education adopted new arts standards in July of 2016. [Read the new arts standards here.](#)

**Nebraska** – The Nebraska State Board of Education adopted new arts education standards in March 2014. [Read the standards here.](#)

**Nevada** – The Nevada Department of Education is engaging in a public review of their fine arts standards.

**New Hampshire** –Using a competency based model, the New Hampshire State Board of Education adopted the Arts Model Competencies in March 2015. These competencies align with the artistic processes of the National Core Arts Standards. State policy allows for local education agencies to adopt local arts education competencies and standards. Many local districts have aligned their competencies and curriculum with the state Arts Model Competencies. [Read the competencies here.](#)

**New Jersey** – The New Jersey Department of Education – is currently in a public process for the revision of new arts education standards.

**New Mexico** – The New Mexico Public Education Department is currently in the process of revising their arts standards.

**New York** – The New York State Education Department is currently in a public process for the revision of new arts education standards.

**North Carolina** – There is currently no public plan for the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction to adopt new arts education standards.

**North Dakota** – There is currently no public plan for the North Dakota Department of Public Instruction to adopt new arts education standards.

**Ohio** – There is currently no public plan for the Ohio Department of Education to adopt new arts education standards.

**Oklahoma** – There is currently no public plan for the Oklahoma State Department of Education to adopt new arts education standards.

**Oregon** – The Oregon State Board of Education adopted new arts education standards in March 2016. [Read the standards here.](#)

**Pennsylvania** – There is currently no public plan for the Pennsylvania Department of Education to adopt new arts education standards.

**Rhode Island** – On January 10, 2017, the Rhode Island Council on Elementary and Secondary Education, unanimously endorsed the National Core Arts Standards for dance, music, media arts, theatre, and visual Arts. These standards replace the current Rhode Island Fine Arts Grade Span Expectations.

**South Carolina** – The South Carolina Department of Education is in a public process for revising arts education standards. The South Carolina Board of Education will vote on the adoption on its regular cycle in 2017. [Follow their work here.](#)

**South Dakota** – The South Dakota Board of Education adopted new arts education standard in May 2015. [Read the standards here.](#)

**Tennessee** – The Tennessee Department of Education is in a public process for the revision of arts education standards.

**Texas** – There is currently no public plan for the Texas Education Agency to adopt new arts education standards.

**Utah** – The Utah State Board of Education adopted new arts education standards in April 2016. [Read the standards here.](#)

**Vermont** – The Vermont State Board of Education adopted new arts education standards in February 2016. [Read the new arts standards here.](#)

**Virginia** – There is currently no public plan for the Virginia Department of Education to adopt new arts education standards.

**Washington** – The Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction for Washington is planning on adopting the National Core Arts Standards in early 2017.

**West Virginia** – There is currently no public plan for the Department of Education to adoption of new arts education standards.

**Wisconsin** – There is currently no public plan for the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction to adopt new arts education standards.

**Wyoming** – Wyoming's State Education Department adopted new arts education standards in 2013 and there is no current plan to adopt new arts education standards. [Read the standards here.](#)