In January 2019, The Art of Education University conducted the world’s largest survey of active K-12 art teachers in the United States. Over 2,000 art teachers from all 50 states completed the survey, providing a truly rare and eye-opening glimpse into the current state of teaching K-12 art in the 21st Century.
In what state or U.S. territory do you currently teach?

- 0%
- 0.01% - 0.99%
- 1% - 1.99%
- 2% - 2.99%
- 3% - 3.99%
- 4% - 4.99%
- 5% - 5.99%
- 6% - 6.99%

Which of the following best describes the area your school is located in?

- Urban: 22.57%
- Suburban: 43.96%
- Rural: 29.44%
- Other: 4.02%

Which of the following best describes your school type?

- Traditional Public: 74.82%
- Private: 6.42%
- Charter: 2.99%
- Religious: 2.94%
- Parochial: 2.45%
- Magnet: 1.91%
- Language Immersion: 0.59%
- Montessori: 0.44%
- Online: 0.15%
- Waldorf: 0.10%
- Reggio Emilia: 0.10%
- Other: 7.10%

What grades do you currently teach?

- Higher Ed: 2.39%
- 12th: 31.57%
- 11th: 32.02%
- 10th: 32.17%
- 9th: 30.97%
- 8th: 36.46%
- 7th: 36.71%
- 6th: 39.75%
- 5th: 49.43%
- 4th: 50.17%
- 3rd: 50.02%
- 2nd: 48.63%
- 1st: 47.88%
- Kindergarten: 45.19%
- Pre-K: 12.37%

Do you teach full time?

- Yes: 87.32%
- No, I teach part time: 9.75%
- No, I am currently looking for a teaching position: 0.35%
- Other: 2.58%

How many total students do you teach each school year?

- Average Number of Students: 376
7. What is your average class size?

- 30 or more: 10.19%
- 27-29: 13.79%
- 24-26: 24.24%
- 21-23: 24.65%
- 20 or less: 27.13%

8. On average, how long are your class periods?

- More than 60 mins: 13.79%
- 51-60 mins: 18.30%
- 41-50 mins: 47.64%
- 30-40 mins: 19.16%
- Less than 30 mins: 1.12%

9. On average, how much prep time do you have each day?

- More than 45 mins: 42.84%
- 30-45 mins: 45.12%
- Less than 30 mins: 12.04%

10. What is your annual supply budget?

- Average Annual Supply Budget: $1,847

11. How many art teachers work in your building?

- More than 4: 4.54%
- 4: 3.36%
- 3: 6.98%
- 2: 20.49%
- Just me: 64.63%

12. How many art teachers work in your district?

- Average Number of Art Teachers: 21

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On a scale of 1-10, how much choice do you provide students in your classroom when it comes to choosing art materials and subject matter?

5/10

What do you fundraise to help supplement your budget?

- Crowdfunding: 4.40%
- Grants: 18.36%
- Art Keepsakes (Square 1, Art to Remember, etc): 16.01%
- Art Shows (Artome or other): 9.67%
- I do not fundraise: 53.86%
- Other: 19.69%

What standards do you follow?

- National Art Standards: 53.83%
- Your state’s standards: 74.52%
- District benchmarks: 15.27%
- Other: 9.17%

Which mediums are you most comfortable teaching?

- Drawing: 90.34%
- Collage/Assemblage: 75.58%
- Painting: 89.35%
- Fibers: 35.27%
- Ceramics: 59.48%
- Photography: 24.83%
- Sculpture: 51.79%
- Digital: 21.92%

Which mediums would you like to learn more about in the upcoming year?

- Digital: 52.20%
- Fibers: 45.86%
- Printmaking: 43.99%
- Sculpture: 41.99%
- Ceramics: 33.06%
- Photography: 32.20%
- Collage/Assemblage: 26.88%
- Painting: 22.69%
- Drawing: 19.57%

What initiatives do you want to learn more about (or your district is focusing on) in the upcoming year?

- Growth Mindset: 47.61%
- STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, & Math): 45.59%
- Student-centered learning: 41.33%
- Social-emotional learning: 41.06%
- PBL (Project-Based Learning): 36.00%
- Design Thinking: 36.38%
- Cultural responsiveness: 31.28%
- 21st century learner attributes: 27.18%
- Whole child instruction: 21.70%
- Equity in education: 19.89%
- Other: 5.85%
19. How much say do you have in the development of your curriculum?

- I have to follow a general framework but have some freedom in lesson planning. 30.30%
- I have total control over what I teach. 66.32%
- I follow a pre-determined curriculum. 0.88%
- Other 2.50%

20. What curriculum resources do you reference in your art room?

- Individual teacher’s blogs/websites 72.79%
- Social media platforms 60.67%
- Monthly magazine subscriptions (Scholastic Art, School Arts, Arts & Activities, etc.) 43.46%
- Online curriculum subscriptions (Deep Space Sparkle, Art Class Curator, etc.) 40.66%
- Online marketplaces (Teachers Pay Teachers) 38.06%
- Textbooks 27.05%
- Other 20.17%

21. Does your district provide funding for purchasing art curriculum?

- Yes, we follow a curriculum review cycle. 5.02%
- Yes, but when and how we purchase curriculum is sporadic. 9.51%
- No, we develop our own art curriculum at the district level. 37.42%
- No, there is no funding for any art curriculum. 38.48%
- Other 9.57%

22. What types of technology do you use with your students?

- iPads/tablets 38.28%
- Chromebooks 37.87%
- Document cameras 36.35%
- Digital whiteboard 32.37%
- Digital cameras 22.86%
- Desktop computers 21.65%
- Laptops 20.76%
- 3D printers 5.75%
- Augmented reality 1.57%
- Other 9.26%
- None 11.14%

23. What types of grades do you give?

- Traditional letter (or number) grades 65.23%
- Participation grades 29.52%
- Standards-based grades 27.00%
- Pass/Fail 7.98%
- No grades 7.20%
- Other 9.35%

24. What kind of assessments do you use?

- Rubrics 84.40%
- Reflections 73.90%
- Peer Critiques 48.97%
- Tests/Quizzes 37.45%
- Presentations 30.93%
- Writing Samples 24.40%
- Other 10.72%

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25. How many years have you been teaching/did you teach?

- This is my first year teaching: 3.88%
- 1-5 years: 16.42%
- 6-10 years: 18.84%
- 11-15 years: 17.89%
- 16-20 years: 15.37%
- More than 20 years: 27.60%

26. What is your undergraduate degree?

- BA: 41.66%
- BS: 22.98%
- BFA: 29.75%
- Teaching Certificate: 2.94%

27. Do you have an advanced degree?

- Yes - MA, MS, MEd, MFA or Other: 53.22%
- No: 46.15%

28. I consider my district's professional development opportunities as relevant and engaging.

- Strongly agree: 5.16%
- Agree: 21.20%
- Neither agree nor disagree: 24.93%
- Disagree: 22.72%
- Strongly disagree: 15.57%
- My district does not offer PD opportunities: 3.68%
- Other: 6.73%

29. What are your biggest struggles as an art teacher?

- Question allowed for multiple selections.

- Behavior Management: 50.19%
- Lack of Respect for the Art Program: 43.31%
- Grading/Assessment: 29.18%
- Supply Management: 28.05%
- Technology: 26.49%
- Curriculum Planning: 23.05%
- Parent Communication: 16.66%
- Other: 17.57%

30. Please rate the statement below:

I feel supported by my administration.

- Strongly agree: 33.87%
- Agree: 33.11%
- Neutral: 19.69%
- Disagree: 10.27%
- Strongly disagree: 3.06%
Please rate the statement below:
I feel supported by my building colleagues.

- Strongly agree: 24.42%
- Agree: 41.04%
- Neutral: 23.68%
- Disagree: 8.96%
- Strongly disagree: 1.89%

Please rate the statement below:
I feel supported by parents and the community.

- Strongly agree: 15.14%
- Agree: 37.35%
- Neutral: 37.92%
- Disagree: 8.20%
- Strongly disagree: 1.39%

What is your biggest joy as an art teacher?
- Watching students grow in their creative ability: 74.10%
- Building relationships and connecting with students: 67.62%
- Sharing my passion and love for art: 59.34%
- Introducing new materials and techniques to students: 51.75%
- Helping students reach their potential: 46.71%
- Other: 4.99%