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**SURVEY OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOL VISUAL ARTS SPECIALISTS**

**FAST RESPONSE SURVEY SYSTEM**

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**Arts instruction**—The study of creative works in music, visual arts, dance, or drama/theatre, and the process of producing them.

**Arts specialist**—An education professional with a teaching certificate in an arts discipline, such as music, visual arts, dance, or drama/theatre, who provides separate instruction in that discipline.

**Block schedule**—A type of academic scheduling in which each student has fewer classes per day for a longer period of time. Instead of traditional 40- to 50-minute periods, block scheduling allows for periods of an hour or more so that teachers can accomplish more in a session.

**Types of teaching certificates/licenses:**

- Regular or standard—State certificate/license or advanced professional certificate;
- Probationary—Certificate/license issued after satisfying all requirements except the completion of a probationary period; and
- Provisional, temporary, or emergency—Certificate/license that requires some additional coursework, student teaching, or passage of a test before regular certification can be obtained, and certificate issued to persons who must complete a certification program in order to continue teaching.

**Virtual field trips**—Using technology for students to visit places (e.g., museums and art galleries) without leaving the school.

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**DIRECTIONS:** This questionnaire is intended for teachers who primarily teach *visual arts in elementary schools*. If you currently have some other primary teaching assignment, do not continue. Check this box ☐, complete the respondent section on the front of the questionnaire, and return it to Westat.

1. Are you a full-time teacher? Yes.....1 No.....2
2. How do you classify your current teaching arrangement? (Circle only one number.)  
Teach visual arts full time.....1 Teach visual arts part time.....2 Other (Specify)\_\_\_\_\_ 3
3. At how many schools do you teach visual arts? \_\_\_\_\_
4. To what grades do you teach visual arts at your currently assigned school(s)? (Circle all that apply.)  
PK K 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12
5. Please report the visual arts subjects offered by **THIS** school (i.e., the school named on the cover of this questionnaire) in the 2009–2010 school year and your visual arts teaching load during regular school hours for your most recent full **WEEK** of teaching.
  - **Counting sections or classes:** If you taught general art to 3 different groups or sections of first graders and 2 groups or sections of second graders, you should report 5 sections or classes of general art. If you taught general art to the same group of students multiple times a week, count this class only once. Do **not** include classes held outside of regular school hours.
  - **Counting enrollment:** If you taught 5 sections of general art, each with 20 students enrolled, report a total enrollment of 100 for general art.

Subject	A. Does <b>THIS</b> school offer any courses in the subject for the 2009–2010 school year?		B. If Yes, did <b>YOU</b> teach the subject during regular school hours in your most recent full <b>WEEK</b> of teaching at this school?		If you taught the subject, please write in:		
	Yes	No	Yes	No	C. Number of sections or classes of students taught	D. Total enrollment in all sections or classes reported in column C	E. Total minutes per week spent teaching all sections or classes reported in column C
a. General art.....	1	2	1	2			
b. Other arts subjects (e.g., separate courses in ceramics or sculpture) (Specify) _____	1	2	1	2			

6. Use the instructions in question 5 to report your visual arts teaching load at **OTHER** schools during regular school hours for your most recent full week of teaching. If you did not teach at any other K–12 school, check this box ☐ and continue with question 7.
  - a. Number of visual arts **sections or classes** taught at other school(s) during your most recent full **WEEK** of teaching: \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. Total **enrollment** in all sections or classes reported in question 6a: \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. Total **hours per week** spent teaching all sections or classes reported in question 6a: \_\_\_\_\_
7. Did you teach visual arts on a **block** schedule at any K–12 school during your most recent full week of teaching?  
Yes (Specify) \_\_\_\_\_1  
No .....2
8. During regular school hours (i.e., while students are in attendance), how many **hours** do you have designated as planning or preparation time during a typical **WEEK** of school? (Include all schools in which you teach.) \_\_\_\_\_
9. Please provide the following information for the degree(s) you hold.

Degree	Hold degree?		If yes, write in:		
	Yes	No	Year	Major field of study	Minor field of study
a. Bachelor's .....	1	2			
b. Master's .....	1	2			
c. Doctorate .....	1	2			
d. Other (Specify) _____	1	2			

10. Please provide the following information for the teaching certificate(s) or license(s) you hold.

Teaching certificate or license	Hold certificate?		If yes, teaching certificate is:		
	Yes	No	Regular, standard, or professional	Probationary	Provisional, temporary, or emergency
a. General education.....	1	2	1	2	3
b. Art education.....	1	2	1	2	3
c. Other (Specify) _____	1	2	1	2	3

11. Including this school year, how many years have you taught visual arts in K-12 public and private schools? *(Include years spent teaching both full and part time. Exclude time spent student teaching or as a teacher's aide.)* \_\_\_\_\_
12. Provide the following information about professional/staff development activities in the **last 12 months**, excluding training received as a student teacher. In **Column A**, indicate how many total hours, if any, you spent in professional development activities in which the content areas were a major focus. In **Column B**, for any content area in which you **had** professional development activities, indicate to what extent you believe it has improved your classroom teaching.

Content area of professional/staff development	A. Total hours			B. Improved my teaching			
	None	1–8	More than 8	Not at all	Small extent	Moderate extent	Great extent
<b>Activities designed for visual arts teachers</b>							
a. Applied study in art studio (e.g., painting, photography) .....	1	2	3	1	2	3	4
b. Developing knowledge about visual arts (e.g., historical, cultural, analytical) .....	1	2	3	1	2	3	4
c. Connecting visual arts learning with other subject areas .....	1	2	3	1	2	3	4
d. Research on arts and student learning (e.g., arts and cognition) .....	1	2	3	1	2	3	4
e. Integrating educational technologies into visual arts instruction.....	1	2	3	1	2	3	4
<b>Activities designed for all teachers</b>							
f. Incorporating state or district standards into instruction .....	1	2	3	1	2	3	4
g. Student assessment.....	1	2	3	1	2	3	4
h. A subject area that is unrelated to visual arts (Specify) _____	1	2	3	1	2	3	4

Answer questions 13 through 18 for **THIS** school (i.e., the school named on the cover of this questionnaire).

13. In the last 12 months, how frequently have you participated in the following activities related to your teaching at **this** school? *(Circle one on each line.)*

	Never	A few times a year	Once a month	2 to 3 times a month	At least once a week
a. Common planning period with regular classroom teachers .....	1	2	3	4	5
b. Common planning period with other arts specialists at this school .....	1	2	3	4	5
c. Consulting with classroom teachers to help them integrate visual arts into a lesson or unit of study that <b>they</b> teach .....	1	2	3	4	5
d. Consulting with other teachers to integrate another subject into a visual arts lesson or unit of study that <b>you</b> teach .....	1	2	3	4	5
e. Collaborating with other teachers on <b>designing and teaching</b> an interdisciplinary lesson or unit of study that includes visual arts .....	1	2	3	4	5
f. Sharing ideas about teaching with other teachers outside your assigned school(s).....	1	2	3	4	5
g. Visiting classrooms of colleagues who teach visual arts.....	1	2	3	4	5
h. Participating in site-based management or school improvement teams or leadership councils.....	1	2	3	4	5
i. Providing input in the preparation of Individual Education Plans (IEPs) for students with special needs.....	1	2	3	4	5
j. Teaching visual arts through <b>virtual</b> field trips using technology.....	1	2	3	4	5

14. Which of the following statements describe **your** instructional program in visual arts at **this** school? *(Circle one on each line.)*

	Yes	No	Don't know
a. It is based on a written, sequential, local (or district) curriculum guide .....	1	2	3
b. It is aligned with your state's standards or the National Standards for Arts Education .....	1	2	3
c. It is integrated with other arts subjects .....	1	2	3
d. It is integrated with other academic subjects .....	1	2	3

15. Do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements about visual arts instruction at **this** school? *(Circle one on each line.)*

	Strongly disagree	Somewhat disagree	Somewhat agree	Strongly agree
a. Parents support me in my efforts to educate their children.....	1	2	3	4
b. The administration supports me in my work.....	1	2	3	4
c. Students are motivated to do well in visual arts class.....	1	2	3	4
d. Community organizations/groups support my efforts to educate students .....	1	2	3	4

16. How adequate is the support for teaching visual arts at **this** school in each of the following areas? (Circle one on each line.)

	Not at all adequate	Minimally adequate	Moderately adequate	Completely adequate
a. Instructional time with students.....	1	2	3	4
b. Time for individual or collaborative planning.....	1	2	3	4
c. Dedicated room or space for visual arts instruction .....	1	2	3	4
d. Dedicated space for exhibition.....	1	2	3	4
e. Dedicated space for storage.....	1	2	3	4
f. <b>Instructional resources</b> —Reusable resources used for instruction in visual arts (e.g., art prints, slides, textbooks, videotapes, art periodicals, projectors).....	1	2	3	4
g. <b>Art materials</b> —Expendable resources (e.g., paint, ink, clay, paper, cardboard, film, wood, plastic films).....	1	2	3	4
h. <b>Art tools</b> —Equipment used to create and learn about visual arts (e.g., brushes, scissors, brayers, clay tools).....	1	2	3	4
i. <b>Classroom equipment</b> —Equipment used to create and learn about visual arts (e.g., cameras, kilns, display cases and display boards, easels).....	1	2	3	4
j. <b>Technologies</b> —Electronic equipment used in the study and creation of art (e.g., SMART Boards, computers, computer software, scanners, printers, video equipment) .....	1	2	3	4

17. In general, how much emphasis do **you** give to each of the following goals or objectives of **student learning** at **this** school? (Circle one on each line.)

	No emphasis	Minor emphasis	Moderate emphasis	Major emphasis
a. Creating works in a broad range of art, including the fine arts, communication and design arts, folk arts, and crafts.....	1	2	3	4
b. Understanding and applying various media, techniques, and processes ..	1	2	3	4
c. Using knowledge of elements, functions, and principles of art .....	1	2	3	4
d. Choosing and evaluating a range of subject matter, symbols, and ideas ..	1	2	3	4
e. Learning about the expressive possibilities of visual arts (i.e., conveying feelings, ideas, and meaning).....	1	2	3	4
f. Reflecting upon and assessing the characteristics and merits of their work and the work of others.....	1	2	3	4
g. Making connections among visual arts, the other arts, and disciplines outside the arts .....	1	2	3	4
h. Understanding the visual arts in relation to history and cultures.....	1	2	3	4
i. Using technology to gain knowledge and skills in visual arts .....	1	2	3	4

18. To what extent, if any, do you use the following types of assessment to determine student progress and achievement in visual arts at **this** school? (Circle one on each line.) If you do not conduct a formal assessment in visual arts, check this box ☐ and continue with question 19.

	Not at all	Small extent	Moderate extent	Great extent
a. Observation.....	1	2	3	4
b. Selected-response assessments (i.e., multiple choice, matching) .....	1	2	3	4
c. Assessments requiring short written answers or essays.....	1	2	3	4
d. Performance tasks or projects.....	1	2	3	4
e. Portfolio collection of student work.....	1	2	3	4
f. Developed rubrics .....	1	2	3	4
g. Other (Specify) .....	1	2	3	4

19. **Outside of your school duties**, to what extent, if any, do you participate in each of the following activities related to visual arts at this time? (Circle one on each line.)

	Not at all	Small extent	Moderate extent	Great extent
a. Teach art at a studio or gallery.....	1	2	3	4
b. Create works of art.....	1	2	3	4
c. Exhibit works of art.....	1	2	3	4
d. View and respond to original works of art at museums or galleries .....	1	2	3	4
e. Study, critique, or write about art.....	1	2	3	4
f. Provide arts leadership in your community or state.....	1	2	3	4
g. Attend workshops with professional artists or arts groups .....	1	2	3	4