

# Top 10 Reasons to Join the Michigan Art Education Association



1. Socialize – Are you lonely in that classroom? All by yourself except for your students? Join to have conversations with like-minded teachers. Stimulate your art curriculum with new ideas; connect with other art educators and share innovative strategies.  
***“I paint self-portraits because I am the person I know best.” -Frida Kahlo***
2. Annual Conference / National Convention – Take some Professional Development time for yourself and meet Art teachers from around the state. Relax, have fun, network, learn about new techniques and advocacy. The National Convention is a massive gathering of arts professionals held in a different city each year. Consider sharing your expertise with others, creating better art education practices.  
***“It’s not what you look at that matters, it’s what you see.” – Henry David Thoreau***
3. Student Shows – Once a year every region has a student show which highlights the best of K-12 art in your area. State judging can lead to special opportunities for your students. MAEA also highlights other area shows held during the year. Be a part of the exciting Michigan Youth Arts Festival held in May each year.  
***“Every child is an artist. The problem is how to remain an artist once he grows up.” – Pablo Picasso***
4. NAEA Journals and Publications - Get the latest in visual art education and other topics affecting the arts community with ART EDUCATION, a bi-monthly journal; NAEA News, a bi-monthly newspaper; Translations, a twice-a-year research publication and NAEA Advisory, four sets of articles focusing on issues in art education. Receive a FREE digital subscription to SchoolArts magazine and member discounts on NAEA publications.  
***“Creativity takes courage.” – Henri Matisse***
5. Professional Development – How often do you get to work with other art teachers and hone your craft? MAEA offers several Professional Development opportunities statewide throughout the summer and the school year. Get access to instructional resources, convention videos, classroom galleries and Lesson Plans.  
***“Art is what you can get away with.” – Andy Warhol***
6. Be a Leader – Spice up that resume’ with a volunteer experience that speaks volumes about your commitment to art education. Step up and apply for a variety of positions in our State organization and move on to National representation. Meet new people and try something you never thought possible.  
***“Be yourself, because those who matter don’t mind, and those who mind don’t matter.” – Dr. Suess***
7. Arts Advocacy – How can you get your administrators to listen to you when they are so focused on core subjects? NAEA will provide you with data that will prove that the arts not only enhance the core, but elevate it to a high level. Keep yourself and your district informed about the impact the visual arts have across disciplines.  
***“Don’t let the noise of others’ opinions drown out your own inner voice.” – Steve Jobs***
8. Art Education Guidelines – With a direct connection to the National Art Education Association, you will receive timely updates on the latest updates in curriculum and current practices. Be the first in your district to hear about it. Review the soon to be released National Core Arts Standards which affirm the place of arts education in a balanced core curriculum.  
***“A man paints with his brains and not with his hands.” – Michelangelo***
9. Unique Grants – NAEA offers professional development grants for teachers, and makes you aware of Arts organizations that offer funding opportunities. Obtain grants for promoting the teaching of art. Get the recognition you deserve as an outstanding art educator.  
***“Art is not what you see, but what you make others see.” – Edgar Degas***
10. Student Scholarships – Special fundraisers at conference and throughout the year earn money for student scholarships targeting any high school student that plans to pursue Art Education. Be informed about a variety of Art contests. Fund those students that want to follow in your footsteps!  
***“Imagination is more important than knowledge.” – Albert Einstein***

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