

Michelle Reile chose a career in art education because it combines her passions for working with children and creating art. She received her Bachelors of Fine Arts in Art Education from Kendall College of art and Design of Ferris State University. Currently, Michelle is teaching at Amberly Elementary School in Portage, MI. Michelle enjoys inspiring young minds in her classroom to experiment with a variety of art mediums and processes, while focusing on creative problem solving skills.

Michelle has volunteered as the Michigan Art Education Association's Middle Division Chair since 2010. She has presented at several MAEA Fall Conferences, and is responsible for the behind-the-scenes work of the MAEA Statewide Middle Division Art Show each year. In 2014 Michelle helped to plan and implement the first annual elementary and middle division workshops and award ceremonies for the MAEA. This unique opportunity is for students who have artwork featured in the MAEA Statewide Middle and Elementary Art Shows. Michelle loves to witness the children admire their artwork on display during the state show. Seeing their proud smiling faces is the reason she continues to volunteer for MAEA each year.