

2026 MAEA Supervisor of the Year

Kim Meyers Baas



Kim Meyers Baas is the Fine Arts Coordinator for Kentwood Public Schools, where she leads K–12 programming in visual art, music, and theatre across Michigan’s most culturally diverse district. She advocates for equitable access to arts education, builds community partnerships, and supports arts educators through collaboration, visibility, and shared leadership.

An active member of the Michigan Art Education Association, Kim enjoys presenting at conferences, leading learning alongside fellow art educators, and creating opportunities to showcase student work through regional exhibitions and public programming. She has mentored more than 25 student teachers from art education programs across Michigan and currently teaches future educators as an adjunct faculty member at Calvin University.

With 25 years in public education, Kim brings classroom experience and respect for teaching to her leadership. Her work spans both public and private sectors, including higher education, community-based arts programs, and national professional networks. She is a mentor with Art21, supporting art educators in a visionary program dedicated to teaching contemporary art across the globe. A longtime faculty member at Ox-Bow School of Art, Michigan’s only artists’ residency school, she connects families to the creative lives of working artists in a setting shaped by the natural beauty of the Lake Michigan shoreline. Her teaching and leadership focus on student voice, contemporary artists, and culturally responsive practice.

Kim earned her BA from Loyola University Chicago, her MA in Art Education from the School of the Art Institute of Chicago, and holds a K–12 Visual Arts Education Specialist certificate from the State of Michigan. “Education does not change the world. Education changes people. People change the world.” This belief from Paulo Freire grounds Kim’s approach to teaching and advocacy. She lives in Grand Rapids and finds joy in Michigan’s natural beauty, especially Lake Michigan, which continues to be one of her most loved places.