

2026 MAEA Middle Level Art Educator of the Year



Sarah Bullion



Sarah Bullion has been teaching visual art at the middle school level for eight years. From 2022 to 2025, she served as the 6th-8th grade art teacher at Clague Middle School in Ann Arbor Public Schools and is excited to join the team at Saline Middle School for the 2025/2026 school year. She began her teaching career in Cedar Springs Public Schools, where she taught a wide range of students, from 4th graders to adults in special education programs, while focusing primarily on middle school learners.

Sarah earned her Bachelor of Arts in Art Education from Western Michigan University in 2012 and her Master of Arts in Teaching and Curriculum with a concentration in Educational Psychology from Michigan State University in 2021. She currently serves as treasurer on the executive board of the Michigan Art Education Association and as the Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS) coach for her school building.

Driven by a deep belief in the power of relationships and a vision for what school can be, Sarah is constantly evolving her practice to better serve students. She actively seeks opportunities to connect with fellow educators at the regional, state, and national levels. Her work is grounded in a passion for pushing the boundaries of traditional school systems to create spaces where students thrive.

Sarah hopes her students remember not only their successes and achievements in the art room, but also the personal growth that comes from meeting challenges head-on. She believes that art is essential in shaping empathetic, engaged citizens, and she continues to advocate for its place at the heart of education.