



STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
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**TO:** Superintendents of Schools  
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**FROM:** Dr. Dianna R. Wentzell *Dianna R. Wentzell*  
Commissioner of Education

**DATE:** November 3, 2016

**SUBJECT:** Adoption of Connecticut Arts Standards

The State Board of Education approved the following resolution at its meeting on October 5, 2016.

**RESOLVED**, That the State Board of Education adopts the National Core Arts Standards as the Connecticut Arts Standards and adopts the Position Statement on the Implementation of the Connecticut Arts Standards and directs the Commissioner to take the necessary action.

Adoption of these standards provides a blueprint for Connecticut students to attain artistic literacy. The National Core Arts Standards may be used immediately by Connecticut educators and can be found at <http://www.nationalartsstandards.org/>. The web-based platform allows Connecticut educators to create a customizable handbook with selected relevant standards, while also providing access to national tools and resources. The Position Statement on the Implementation of the Connecticut Arts Standards articulates the lens through which to view the National Core Arts Standards and offers guidance for implementation across the State of Connecticut including suggested responsibilities of various stakeholders.

For your convenience, a copy of the Position Statement on the Implementation of the Connecticut Arts Standards can be found on the State Board of Education's Web site at <http://www.sde.ct.gov/sde/cwp> and also on the Department's Web site at <http://www.ct.gov/sde/arts>.

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