



An Invitation to Teaching Artists and Community Arts Partners

What is *artlook*® Michigan?

As a key initiative of [MI Creative Potential](#), *artlook*® Michigan supports Michigan's arts education ecosystem by serving as both a **statewide arts education map and data dashboard** and a way to connect K–12 schools with community arts providers who can supplement and complement arts instruction. MI Creative Potential uses data to strengthen arts education across Michigan and to inform policy, resources, and cross-sector partnerships at the state, regional, and local levels.

Connecting Schools, Communities, and Funding to Advance Arts Education

artlook® Michigan helps connect schools with teaching artists and local arts and cultural organizations, expanding creative opportunities for Michigan students. Whether you are a school, teaching artist, or arts organization interested in working with schools, *artlook*® Michigan is designed to make the many people and resources supporting arts education more visible and more connected. School and community arts partnerships may be eligible for funding such as Michigan Arts and Culture grants, MiLEAP's Out-of-School Time grants and/or local grants.

How do you get involved in *artlook*® Michigan?

Create a free public profile on *artlook*® Michigan to showcase your work, connect with schools, and expand opportunities for arts learning in your community and statewide.

Teaching Artists

Click [here](#) to register for an account.
[artlook® Michigan Guide for Teaching Artists](#)

Community Arts and Cultural Organizations

Click [here](#) to register for an account.
[artlook® Michigan Guide for Arts Organizations](#)

Why your participation in *artlook*® Michigan matters:

Your participation is needed to gather representative data of the arts ecosystem in Michigan. Data collected through *artlook*® Michigan informs the MI Creative State Report. This is a statewide initiative led by the Michigan Assessment Consortium in collaboration with the Michigan Department of Education and the Michigan Arts and Culture Council to collect and use data to **improve arts education policy, resources, and cross-sector partnerships at state, regional, and local levels.**

artlook® Michigan provides teaching artists, community arts partners with:

- **A channel to connect with schools** for collaboration, partnerships, and programming
- **Professional learning** in arts instruction, assessment, and school partnership programming development
- **Impact data** for strategic planning and educating your board of directors and funders
- **Regional arts data** to inform the work of arts education networks and community partners

Your participation in artlook® Michigan helps districts provide students with:

- Supplemental arts learning in disciplines and genres that create **expanded school offerings** (e.g. artist residencies, workshops, exhibitions, multi-disciplinary learning)
- **Professional mentorship**
- **Introductions to arts and creative careers**, cross-disciplinary opportunities, and enhanced career readiness
- Durable skills introduced through the **creative process**
- **Connections**, offering a sense of **belonging** that in school and **in the community**

Together, we can create a clearer picture of arts education in Michigan, strengthen connections between schools and communities, and expand access to meaningful arts learning for every student.

Questions?

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