

**NEA Assessment Survey – DRAFT**

State: [drop down box]

1. Which of the following best describes your role? (check one)

- State/County Office of Education staff
- State/County arts council staff
- School/District staff
- Arts organization staff
- Cultural organization staff
- Arts evaluator
- Arts researcher/education researcher
- Other (please specify):

**[NOTE - If respondent selects *School/District staff* for Q1, then ask Q 2 and skip Q3. For any other response option, respondent should get Q3 and not Q2]**

2a) Name of district: (fill-in)

2b) What is your primary role? (check one)

- Principal
- Classroom teacher
- Arts educator/specialist
- Other school staff (please specify):
  
- District superintendent or assistant superintendent
- District arts liaison/arts coordinator
- Other district staff (please specify):

**[NOTE - If respondent selects *Principal, Teacher, or Other School Staff* for 2b, then ask 2c, and 2e–2f. If respondent selects *District arts liaison/arts coordinator or Other district staff*, then ask 2d–2f.]**

2c) What grades does your school serve? (check all that apply)

- Elementary (K-6)
- Middle school (5-8)
- High school (9-12)

2d) What grades does your district serve? (check all that apply)

- Elementary (K-6)
- Middle school (5-8)
- High school (9-12)

2e) What art form(s) does your school address? **If district staff, please respond for your district as a whole.** (check all that apply)

- Dance
- Folk Arts
- Literary Arts
- Media Arts
- Music
- Musical Theatre
- Opera
- Theatre
- Visual Arts
- Other (please specify):

2f) Which of the following does your school offer? **If district staff, please respond for your district as a whole.** (check all that apply)

- In-school arts instruction by a classroom teacher
- In-school arts instruction by a certified arts educator/specialist
- Artist residencies/artists in classrooms
- Arts integration
- General arts instruction
- After-school arts instruction
- Publisher developed arts curriculum
- Teacher/school developed arts curriculum
- District developed arts curriculum
- Teacher professional development in the arts
- Arts assessments
- Other (please specify):

**[NOTE - If respondent selects something other than School/District staff for Q1, then skip Q2 and ask Q3]**

3a) Name of agency/organization: (fill-in)

3b) What is your **primary** role in the agency/organization? (check one)

- Arts organization staff
- Cultural organization staff
- Institute of Higher Education staff
- Teaching Artist/Art instructor
- Evaluator
- Researcher
- State/County arts education coordinator
- State/County arts council staff
- Other (please specify):

3c) What art form(s) does your agency address? (check all that apply)

- General arts education across disciplines
- Dance
- Folk Arts
- Literary Arts
- Media Arts
- Music
- Musical Theatre
- Opera
- Theatre
- Visual Arts
- Other (please specify):

3d) Which of the following does your agency/organization offer? (check all that apply)

- Classroom teacher professional development in the arts
- Teaching artist/arts educator professional development
- Pre-service teacher training in arts education
- Graduate level teacher training in arts education
- Artist mentoring of teachers
- Classroom-based arts instruction
- Private arts instruction
- Arts advocacy
- Provide funding/grants to arts organizations/schools/districts
- Artist residencies/teaching artists in classrooms
- General arts instruction
- After-school arts instruction
- After-school arts programs
- Summer arts programs for K-12 students
- Develop arts policies
- Develop arts curriculum
- Develop/administer arts assessments
- Program evaluation
- Arts education research
- Other (please specify):

4a. What do you see as the needs of the field specifically related to the assessment of student **knowledge and skills** in the arts? (fill-in)

4b. What do you see as the broader needs of the field regarding assessment of student learning in the arts? (fill-in)

5a. What assistance do you (or your organization) specifically need regarding assessment of student **knowledge and skills** in the arts? (fill-in)

5b. What assistance do you (or your organization) need regarding assessment of student learning in the arts in a broader sense? (fill-in)

The following questions draw a distinction between student **knowledge** and **skills** in the arts. **Knowledge** refers to student content knowledge such as history, terminology, recognition, and cultural relevance. Example – students’ ability to identify a particular dance step, whether or not they are capable of performing it. **Skills** refers to students’ actual ability to perform or produce art. Example – how well students perform the dance step. We will begin with questions regarding student knowledge.

6. What is your experience with assessment of student **knowledge** in the arts? (check all that apply)

- No experience with assessment of student knowledge in the arts [skip to Q8]
- Used a *teacher/school-developed* arts assessment tool with students
- Used a *district-developed* arts assessment tool with students
- Used an *externally developed* arts assessment tool with students
- Used an *agency-developed* arts assessment tool with one or more of my organization’s programs
- Used an *externally developed* arts assessment tool with one or more of my organization’s programs
- Received undergraduate or graduate-level training on assessment of arts knowledge
- Attended professional development/workshops on assessment of student knowledge in the arts
- Conducted professional development/workshops on assessment of student knowledge in the arts
- Developed policies on assessment of student knowledge in the arts
- Developed arts assessment tools/resources for use by others
- Conducted research on student knowledge in the arts
- Required grantees or funded projects to assess student arts knowledge
- Other (please specify):

7. Which of the following types of assessments have you used to measure student **knowledge** in the arts? (check all that apply)

- Computer-based testing software (please specify):
- Non-paper/pencil assessment (please specify/describe):
- Test developed by my school/organization
- Test included with textbook or lesson plans
- Test from my state
- Test from my district
- Test developed by evaluator or external consultant
- Test found on the internet
- Test purchased from testing agency
- Test developed by classroom teacher/certified arts educator
- Teacher/artist survey of student knowledge
- Other (please specify):

The following questions pertain to assessment of student **skills** in the arts.

8. What is your experience with assessment of student **skills** in the arts? (check all that apply)
- No experience with assessment of student skills in the arts **[skip to Q11]**
  - Used a *teacher/school-developed* arts assessment tool with students
  - Used a *district-developed* arts assessment tool with students
  - Used an *externally developed* arts assessment tool with students
  - Used an *agency-developed* arts assessment tool with one or more of my organization's programs
  - Used an *externally developed* arts assessment tool with one or more of my organization's programs
  - Received undergraduate or graduate-level training on assessment of arts skills
  - Attended professional development/workshops on assessment of student skills in the arts
  - Conducted professional development/workshops on assessment of student skills in the arts
  - Developed policies on assessment of student skills in the arts
  - Developed arts assessment tests for specific lesson plans or curricula
  - Conducted research on student skills in the arts
  - Required grantees or funded projects to assess student arts knowledge
  - Other (please specify):
9. Which of the following assessment tools and/or strategies have you used to measure student **skills** in the arts? (check all that apply)
- Observation protocol
  - Performance-based assessment
  - Portfolio review
  - Computer software
  - Paper/pencil test
  - Checklist(s)
  - Rubric
  - Student self-assessment
  - Teacher/Artist survey
  - Other (please specify):

**[If respondent answers "No experience" for both Q6 and Q8, then ask only Q11, Q12, and Q26]**

[For Q10, the columns should match the respondent’s answers to Q9. For example, if the respondent answered Q9 with Rubric, Checklist, and Student self-assessment, then they would see a table for Q10 with only **three** answer columns, matching their responses to Q9]

10. For each of the **skill** assessments you have used, please indicated how they were developed: (check all that apply)

|   | Rubric | Observation Protocol | Performance-based assessment | Portfolio review | Computer software | Paper/pencil test | Checklist | Student self-assessment |
|---|--------|----------------------|------------------------------|------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-----------|-------------------------|
| Developed by classroom teacher                |        |                      |                              |                  |                   |                   |           |                         |
| Developed by certified arts educator          |        |                      |                              |                  |                   |                   |           |                         |
| Developed by my school/agency                 |        |                      |                              |                  |                   |                   |           |                         |
| Included with textbook/lesson plans           |        |                      |                              |                  |                   |                   |           |                         |
| Developed by my state                         |        |                      |                              |                  |                   |                   |           |                         |
| Developed by my district                      |        |                      |                              |                  |                   |                   |           |                         |
| Developed by evaluator or external consultant |        |                      |                              |                  |                   |                   |           |                         |
| Found on the internet                         |        |                      |                              |                  |                   |                   |           |                         |
| Purchased from testing agency                 |        |                      |                              |                  |                   |                   |           |                         |
| Unknown/Don't know                            |        |                      |                              |                  |                   |                   |           |                         |

11. If you needed to assess student **knowledge or skills** in the arts, which of the following would you do? (check all that apply)

- Use tool previously developed by me or my agency
- Modify existing tool previously used by me or my agency
- Create or develop new assessment tool
- Search for existing assessment tool used by other agencies/teachers
- Seek professional development/workshops on arts assessment
- Hire someone to create a new assessment tool
- Other (please specify):

**(Q12 only asked if respondent checks “search for existing” in Q11)**

12. Which of the following would you use to locate an existing tool? [P4](check all that apply)

- Search engine (e.g. Yahoo, Google)
- Websites (please specify):
- Contact specific agency (please specify):
- Contact specific person (please specify):
- Library
- Other (please specify):

13. Please complete the following table for the specific **knowledge and skills** assessments your agency has developed/used/administered. Please indicate the name of each assessment, then **check all that apply** for assessment type, grade level, and art form(s) included in each assessment.

| Assessment title   | Assessment Type |        | Grade Level |              |             | Art Form(s) |               |            |       |         |             |       |
|--|-----------------|--------|-------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|---------------|------------|-------|---------|-------------|-------|
|  | Knowledge       | Skills | Elem (K-6)  | Middle (5-8) | High (9-12) | Dance       | Literary Arts | Media Arts | Music | Theatre | Visual Arts | Other |
| A)   |                 |        |             |              |             |             |               |            |       |         |             |       |
| B)   |                 |        |             |              |             |             |               |            |       |         |             |       |
| C)   |                 |        |             |              |             |             |               |            |       |         |             |       |
| D)   |                 |        |             |              |             |             |               |            |       |         |             |       |
| E)   |                 |        |             |              |             |             |               |            |       |         |             |       |
| F)   |                 |        |             |              |             |             |               |            |       |         |             |       |
| G)   |                 |        |             |              |             |             |               |            |       |         |             |       |
| H)   |                 |        |             |              |             |             |               |            |       |         |             |       |
| I)   |                 |        |             |              |             |             |               |            |       |         |             |       |
| J)   |                 |        |             |              |             |             |               |            |       |         |             |       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I have never used or administered an arts knowledge or skills assessment. <i>[If respondent checks this box, skip to Q26]</i> |                 |        |             |              |             |             |               |            |       |         |             |       |

13a. Please indicate which of the above-listed assessment tools you consider most useful.  
*[Insert drop-down box with A-J]*

13b. Why do you consider this tool most useful? (fill-in)

*For Questions #14-19, please refer to the assessment you noted as most useful in Question 13.*

14. Who developed the assessment tool? (check one)

- Developed by classroom teacher
- Developed by teaching artist/arts educator/arts specialist
- Developed by my school or agency
- Included with textbook or lesson plans
- Developed by state
- Developed by school district
- Developed by evaluator or external consultant
- Found on the internet
- Developed by testing agency
- Other (please specify):

15. What was the purpose of administering this assessment? (check all that apply)

- Required by state
- Required by district
- Required by school
- Required by funder
- Program improvement
- Program evaluation
- Measure student progress/learning
- Classroom test/student grade
- Other (please specify):

16. How well did the assessment work for your purposes? (select one)

|            |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |           |
|------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|----|-----------|
| Not at all |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    | Extremely |
| 1          | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |           |

17. Were there any issues or challenges in using the assessment?

- Yes (please specify):
- No

18. Who scored/graded the assessment? (check all that apply)

- Student graded by self
- Student graded by peer(s)
- Classroom teacher
- The state
- The school district
- Testing agency
- District scoring committee/panel
- Arts agency staff
- Teaching artist/arts educator
- Evaluator
- Other (please specify):

19. How were the data used? (check all that apply)

- School accountability
- District accountability
- Reported to funding agency
- Program/lesson improvement
- Program evaluation
- Contributed to larger research effort
- Student grade
- Provided formative feedback to students
- Published in a journal
- Unknown
- Other (please specify):



20. Have you/your agency developed an assessment tool?

- Yes
- No [skip to Q26]

*If multiple assessments have been developed, please refer to the most extensive or widely used to answer questions 21-25.*

21. What did the assessment measure? (check all that apply)

- Knowledge
- Skills

22. Would you/your agency be willing to share the tool(s) with others?

- Yes
- No

23. Did you use any resources (e.g. research reports, model programs, how-to guides) in the development process?

- Yes
- No [skip to Q26]

24. Please specify the resource(s) used and indicate how useful each resource was in the development process (on a scale of 1=Not at all useful to 10=Extremely useful).

| Name of Resource | How useful was the resource? (check one) |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |
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25. Are there any more recent resources you have found useful that were not available at the time your assessment was developed?

- Yes (please specify):
- No

26. Do you have any assessment tools, reports, or resources you would be willing to share?

- Yes → Please send attachments, URLs, or other information to arts@wested.org
- No

27. Any additional thoughts or comments you would like to share? (Fill-in)

28.

- Please check this box if you are NOT willing to let us contact you again for further information.