



COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA
Department of Education

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TO: Division Superintendents

FROM: Steven R. Staples, Superintendent of Public Instruction

SUBJECT: 2016 Art Teachers Summer Workshop: *Teachers as Artists and Artists as Teachers*

The Virginia Department of Education (VDOE) is pleased to offer the 2016 Art Teachers Summer Workshop: *Teachers as Artists and Artists as Teachers* on June 27-30, 2016, at Virginia Commonwealth University. This workshop is provided at no cost to selected public sector educators and includes campus residence housing, meals, materials and supplies, instruction, registration, and parking. The VDOE will not provide travel reimbursement to participants. Approximately 45 K-12 visual arts educators will be selected based on instructional training and experience in visual arts education and balanced regional representation.

The purpose of the Art Teachers Summer Workshop is to provide intensive study in a specific media and effective teaching strategies to enhance and provide high-quality K-12 visual arts education. The four-day workshop will have three offerings: Creative Book Art, Observational Drawing Techniques, and Precious Metal Clay (PMC). Evening sessions will provide current best practices and research in the field of visual arts education. In addition, participants will attend a session at the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts. At the conclusion of the workshop, each participant will be awarded 90 points for licensure renewal, pending local approval.

All nominees who wish to attend this workshop must download and complete the application found on the VDOE's [Fine Arts](#) Web page. Applications must be signed by a school administrator prior to submission. Completed applications must be submitted by April 29, 2016, to Cherry Gardner, Virginia Department of Education, P.O. Box 2120, Richmond, Virginia 23218-2120 or by e-mail at Cherry.Gardner@doe.virginia.gov. Selected educators will be notified by May 18, 2016.

If you have questions, please contact Cheryle C. Gardner, principal specialist of fine arts, Office of Humanities and Early Childhood, by e-mail at Cherry.Gardner@doe.virginia.gov or by telephone at (804) 225-2881.

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