

Timeline for JR VASE Teachers

Beginning of September: If you are new to VASE in your region, find the date and location for your event on the VASE website under Regional Directors and Dates (under first tab). **Contact the Regional Director and ask to be added to the VASE Teacher list, because the Director will send important VASE updates to last year's VASE Teachers early.**

August – December: Give students information about VASE so that they can **start projects EARLY** – go over basic guidelines (especially originality guidelines) and anything new. **It's important to start early and finish early!**

- The **VASE Program Artwork Release Form** and the **Fillable Practice Intent Form** are both available outside of the login (left links). **They can be accessed at any time, and work can begin!** The Teacher Resources are also available.
- This is especially helpful if you have students for Fall Semester only; **all three of the entry parts can be ready by December 1, when you can sign up as a VASE Teacher and begin your entries.**

Be proactive so you don't have to rush; if you miss a deadline, your Regional Director won't be allowed to fix it for you! That's why setting an earlier timeline than what's required is VITAL to student participation & success.

December: Register as a JR VASE Teacher at <https://www.taea.org/JRVASE/registration-teacher.cfm> on **December 1; make sure your membership is active by now.** You should already have a list of students who are interested, and they should know the artwork they want to enter. They may have even been able to complete **ALL** the entry paperwork.

December-February:

- **Register as a JR VASE Teacher; you can start typing in student entry data right away!**
- Send home **VASE Program Artwork Release Forms** now if you haven't already; you will collect them and turn them in on Event Day.
- Students can begin transferring **Practice FILLABLE Student Intent Form** info into their **Online Intent Form** on the Student Dashboard as soon as you have entered them in JR VASE.
- Students can upload their **Reference PDFs** as soon as they are completed.
- As soon as the artwork is completed, take the **Artwork Photo**; it can be uploaded right away. Then put the artwork away in a safe place until the Regional Event. The photo must be of the completed artwork; no mat is needed in the photo.
- **IF you have any students who cannot attend In-Person, but might meet the criteria for entering the Virtual Pilot portion of the JR VASE Event, speak to them about the possibility of being one of your Virtual Entries (up to 20% of your total entries). Remind them that Virtual Entries MUST be completely prepared and uploaded like In-Person Entries, PLUS their Interview Score will be determined by the writing on their Intent Form and Reference PDF.**

January-early March:

- **Check student eligibility and encourage students to keep grades up; all grades must be passing to participate.**
- Finalize as many student entries as possible by late February for early events. For later events, by late March.
- Make sure Divisions are accurate, check middle school art credits for JR VASE. **If a student has a second entry with a different teacher, double check that you are both entering the same number of credits, so they are in the same Division for both entries!**

February-March around the ADD/DELETE Deadline: if you haven't started entry parts, give students **Practice FILLABLE Student Intent Forms** right away; you may guide students through the writing portion, but do NOT write it yourself. Students can fill out this form ONLINE as soon as their info is completed, and the students can log into their STUDENT DASHBOARDS. **Make sure they understand that they must SAVE every time they work on the Intent Form, both PRACTICE and ONLINE; NEITHER WILL AUTOSAVE. Remind them of the word minimum; help them check it.**

Day of ADD/DELETE Deadline (30 days out). The number of entries at **MIDNIGHT** on this date must be accurate; this is the number of entries you will be responsible to pay for (you can edit the entries later, but the **number of entries may not be changed after MIDNIGHT on this date**).

Day After ADD/DELETE Deadline: **Your invoice is ready to print. Print, then submit invoice to the campus bookkeeper and request payment** (students may pay, your principal may pay, or your campus budget/activity fund may pay). Your district arts administrator (if you have one) may pay for these fees; if this is the case, submit the invoice to the administrator. They will send payment. **Payments are due by the Monday before your event.**

Day After ADD/DELETE Deadline: Editing of JR VASE entries can begin, but ***no adding or deleting***. Make sure all artwork meets VASE guidelines; start preparing it for Event Day. Make sure all entry info is entered correctly, especially the Division. ***If the student email is changed after the they enter data, all information will be reset, because the system assumes the edited email belongs to another student.***

STUDENT EMAIL AND STUDENT DASHBOARD: ***If your district does NOT whitelist the email VASE@taea.org, your students will not receive the link to their dashboards via email. You can click on the link to each student's dashboard on YOUR TEACHER DASHBOARD, copy the URL, and send it to the student through your school email. Ask your Regional Director for help finding this link if needed.***

STUDENTS are given their Student Data Deadline on their Student Dashboard. This is 3 days earlier than your Final Deadline. Take advantage of this, and even give students deadlines earlier than that to give yourself plenty of time to review entry data, and fix what they haven't done right. After your Final Deadline, NO FIXES are allowed!

Late February-early April: If a student becomes ineligible **before your Final Deadline**, you can substitute another student and their artwork in its place in Student Entry / Search-Edit-Delete. ***Remember; changing the email address in the entry completely clears out any data the previous student has entered or uploaded.***

2 Weeks Prior to Event:

- Finish arranging transportation for students – find out if any need **Priority Passes** to arrive early and send the info to the Regional Director (student name, school, number of artworks).
- ***Remind students that their Student Data Deadline is 3 days before your Final Deadline (13 days out).*** They must complete their **Intent Form** and upload their **Reference PDF** before midnight on that day (it's a Sunday).
 - If you are taking photos and uploading artwork, you will have three more days after they lose their dashboard access.
 - If they are uploading their own photo, it must be done before the **Student Data Deadline**.
- Request from the Regional Director a preferred arrival time for the In-Person Event.
- Begin checking all entries for complete accuracy (you can never check too many times).
- You may still substitute one student for another student or change anything within the entries **BEFORE** the **Final Deadline** if needed; ***at this point, any entries not present at the event get a DNA rating (did not appear).***
- **STUDENTS MUST WORK TO FINISH ALL ARTWORKS ASAP SO THEY CAN BE PHOTOGRAPHED**
 - ***ALL ARTWORKS NEED TO BE FINISHED at least 3-5 days before the FINAL Deadline; the photo MUST be of FINISHED ARTWORK. All artworks MUST match photos that have been uploaded by the FINAL deadline at MIDNIGHT.***
 - ***This includes ceramic projects; PHOTOS MUST BE OF THE GLAZED/FINISHED ARTWORK. No bisque-ware photos are allowed, unless the finished piece is still bisque-ware when it is presented to the juror on Event Day.***

VIRTUAL EVENTS ONLY: You ***MUST*** have submitted the ***Virtual Entry Request Form*** for no more than 20% of your total entries to the Regional Director before the **FINAL DEADLINE!!!** If approved, your Virtual Students ***MUST*** have all parts of their entries completed and uploaded just like all of your **IN-PERSON** entries.

FINAL DEADLINE DAY (10 days out): You may edit each entry until midnight (**No Fixes**).

- **MUST** have accurate Divisions (number of credits for HS, including HS Art 1 taken in middle school),
- **MUST** have accurate Dimension (2D/3D),
- **MUST** have unique, creative titles,
- **MUST** have the correct spelling of the student's name.
- All **Online Intent Forms** ***MUST*** be finished & ***checked by the teacher*** before **MIDNIGHT**.
- All **Artwork Photos** ***MUST*** be edited, ***checked by the teacher***, and uploaded before **MIDNIGHT**.
- All **Reference PDFs** ***MUST*** be completed, ***checked by the teacher***, and uploaded before **MIDNIGHT**.
- Teacher ***MUST*** Certify all **COMPLETELY UPLOADED** entries before **MIDNIGHT**.

Failure to have all THREE parts of the entry completed/uploaded by MIDNIGHT, and therefore not CERTIFIED, will result in a DNA rating for that entry. REGIONAL DIRECTORS will NOT be allowed to FIX things after this DEADLINE that were overlooked by the teacher.

Day after Final Deadline: Print menu is available – print/sign as needed:

- **Regional Entry Certification/Teacher Check In-Out Form:** Must be printed & signed by you and your principal. Your principal is certifying that all the artwork meets community standards, and all students are eligible. You are also declaring that you will be present at the beginning/end of the event, and if not, who will be substituting for you (responsible for your students/artwork). **This form is turned in at the Event.**
- **VASE Program Artwork Release Form:** These should have already been printed/distributed. You will collect them (one per student, even with two entries), **ALPHABETIZE them**, and turn ALL of them in at the Event (**incl. Virtual**).
- **Artwork ID Form:** This form is printed from the print menu and attached to the back of the artwork (or tied to 3D). These forms will print 3-4 per page, then you cut them apart and attach them to ALL artworks (**incl. Virtual**) plus a copy on the box for 3D/2D needs. **You do NOT print/attach the Reference PDF.**

Monday after FINAL Deadline: Remember that Online Qualifications are taking place through Wednesday; your Regional Director will contact you if an artwork received a DQ rating and tell you the reason. Students with a DQ rating will still attend the Event and be interviewed; they just won't receive a numerical score.

- **Student Name Tags: MUST be worn at the event.** You can print these for a badge holder with lanyard or pin, print on sticker paper to peel and wear, on card stock to hold on with yarn or safety pins; whatever works.
- Give students maps, Student General Instructions, VASE Day Schedule. Finish preparing all artwork for VASE Event Day (following guidelines).

Two Days Out (Thursday before event): Artwork is ready.

- Make sure all artwork is prepared for VASE Event Day (following guidelines).
- Remind students that all artworks MUST be dry, fixed, matted, boxed, etc., no later than Friday before the event.
- **Artworks may NOT be taken home unless a parent/student is driving to a local event with the principal's approval, or for Early Adjudication (Priority Pass needed; Teacher paperwork must be turned in prior to student arrival).**
- Go over event behavior expectations.
- Go over vendors, activities, and concessions available.

Day of Event: Please remember that if an artwork arrives wet, unfixed, over-size/weight, or in violation of any VASE Rules & Policies, an On-Site Qualifier will be there to check the work and if needed, refer it to the Regional Director for an onsite DQ rating (students still interview).

- Arrive with students according to the arrival time your director sent you (this will be at least 30 minutes prior to your first juror time).
- Hand out artwork and student name tags.
- Go through **Teacher Registration** (your students wait on the bus or outside). **Ask for bilingual/SpEd-friendly juror room numbers if needed (you will put the room number on the JRF sticker at the next station).**
- **Turn in your Virtual Pilot Entries at the Virtual Check-In table. Workers will put on JRF stickers and deliver them.**
- Students pick up their JRF Sticker(s) at the **Sticker Station** – you stay with your students.
- Wait in the waiting area (usually cafeteria) until students can go to the Juror Hall Entry Point(s) about 15-30 minutes prior to their juror interview time.
- Make sure students are supervised all day.
- View the Rating 4 artwork in the Art Show (usually in a gym or gyms) from about Noon to 2:30 PM (Regional Director will let you know exactly what times).
- Check out artwork that received a 1, 2, 3 or DQ in the Control Room (location & time from RD) around 2:30 PM.
- Pick up Rating 4 artwork and medals in the Art Show area (usually a gym) around 4:00 PM, when Area Judging is complete and State-Advancing Artworks are secured; check out with the Regional Director.
- **Remember that Virtual Pilot Entries will not be considered for Platinum Level, and the RD may choose to keep them in the Control Room.**

After Regional Event:

- Print Juror Rating Forms once your Regional Director has released them (usually the evening after the event).
- Distribute medals, and honor your students, especially any with Platinum-Level, at a special time, perhaps getting them School Board recognition.
- **Brag on how wonderful your students did on social media or write a press release for your Communications/PR person. You and your students deserve recognition for your hard work and success!**