

# VASE Changes for 2021

**ONLINE EVENT PROCEDURAL  
UPDATES FOR TEACHERS**



# VASE Mission:

High School (9-12) — Middle School (6-8) — Elementary (PK-5)

The mission of the TAEA Visual Arts Scholastic Event (VASE) is to recognize exemplary **student achievement** in the Visual Arts by providing art students and programs a **standard of excellence** in which to achieve.

***Our VASE Mission is still the same, whether events are in person or virtual.***

# TEAM, Junior VASE, High School VASE, and State VASE: Equal Partners Under TAEA

## *VASE Structure:*

**State Director: TEAM**

Mary Tavares

**State Director: Junior VASE**

Suzy Greene

**State Director: High School VASE**

Chris Cooper

**State Director: State VASE Event**

Sarah Pagona



**NEW**

# VASE 2021: Why Online Only?

*Due to the way COVID-19 is affecting the way schools are operating during the 2020-21 school year, the VASE Blue Ribbon Board made the decision to move all Regional Events, High School VASE, Junior VASE, and TEAM, to an Online-Only model for 2021.*

Since no students or teachers will be present at an actual VASE event, preparation at the **TEACHER LEVEL** will be essential to giving students the best adjudication possible for their artwork. Remember: there will be no interviews, and VASE Jurors will be viewing all Artwork Entries, Artwork References, and Student Intent & Artwork Identification Forms online through links attached to the Juror Rating Form.

# Teacher Timeline:

- *Begin the school year knowing it is recommended that HS VASE Artworks be completed by the end of January (JV & TEAM adjust accordingly). This will allow the time needed for completion of all online uploads. Last-minute changes to artwork content cannot happen (more about this later).*
- **VASE Registration for teachers opens on December 1.** *This will be a permanent change to the program.*
- **Teachers must still guarantee that VASE originality standards are followed.**  
*If students are working from home, teachers must do whatever they can to supervise the making of the artwork. That could be viewing the student working via Zoom or other online meeting platform, having the student submit photos of the work in progress (including the student actually working on the VASE piece in the photo), or perhaps another creative method for supervision devised by the teacher.*
- **SIZE LIMITS have NOT changed!** *Artwork must be within the size/weight limits stated in the VASE Rules & Policies.*



# 2021 VASE/TEAM Modifications:

**NO CHANGES** have been made to the **VASE Rules & Policies for 2021**. At the end of the HS & JV Rules documents (page 12) is an **ADDENDUM** addressing rule/policy modifications for 2021 Online Events.

## **Modifications include:**

- *Teachers will have a **DASHBOARD** (similar to AP portfolio submission) where they will monitor progress on all of their entries. This is a **NEW** feature.*
- ***Qualifiers and Jurors will work online only**, so material uploaded **MUST** be done correctly in order for the Artwork Entry to be seen in its best light, and all information needed will be there (remember; no interviews).*
- ***Teachers will receive training presentations to help them coach/guide students through this new process.***

# 2021 VASE/TEAM Artwork preparation:

## *Modifications continued:*

- ***A 2D Artwork Entry will NOT need to be matted*** (or mounted) unless it is selected as a HS VASE State Qualifier (more on that later from Director).
- ***A 2D Relief or 3D Entry will not need to be boxed*** unless it is selected as a HS VASE State Qualifier (more on that later from Director).
- ***Student Intent Forms will be filled out online by students***, then submitted (no printing and attaching). More direction will follow in a separate presentation.
- ***Artwork Reference images will be compiled in a single PDF document by the student***, then uploaded. More direction will follow in a separate presentation.
- ***Teachers (and/or older students) will photograph the VASE Artwork Entry*** (a training presentation will follow). Once the photo is deemed satisfactory, it will be uploaded.

# 2021 VASE/TEAM Artwork preparation:

## *Modifications continued:*

- ***Student Agreement & Artwork Release Forms*** can be printed by either the teacher or the student (helpful if student is online at home). The form must be printed, signed by parent/student, then returned to the teacher via scan/email, photo/email, or returned as a paper form.
- ***Regional Entry Certification Form*** will be printed and signed by the teacher, then delivered to and signed by the principal (usual process).
- ***The teacher will collect all of these forms***, then deliver them to the Regional Director as either a folder of paper printouts, or scanned and collected into an electronic folder by the ***Monday before the event*** (more training will come later from Directors).



# 2021 Regional VASE/TEAM Wrap-up:

## *After the Regional Event:*

- *Teachers will print out **Juror Rating Forms** after they are released at the end of the Regional Event, then distribute them to students as usual.*
- ***Regional Directors will prepare packets** of medals, Award Receipts, and any HS State Artwork Certification Forms teachers need.*
- ***HS VASE ONLY: Teachers will have two weeks** to prepare any State Qualifying Artwork (matting, boxing, attaching printout of Intent Form, etc.) for delivery to Regional Directors. Directors will re-qualify State Qualifiers as usual. **If an artwork is delivered that violates any VASE Rules & Policies, including size/weight limits, its rating will be recorded as a DQ for the State Event.***
  - ***Regional Directors** will give instructions for packet pickup and State Qualifier delivery.*
  - *The State Event & HS VASE Directors will then give instructions regarding the 2021 State VASE Event.*

# CONTACT US IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS

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