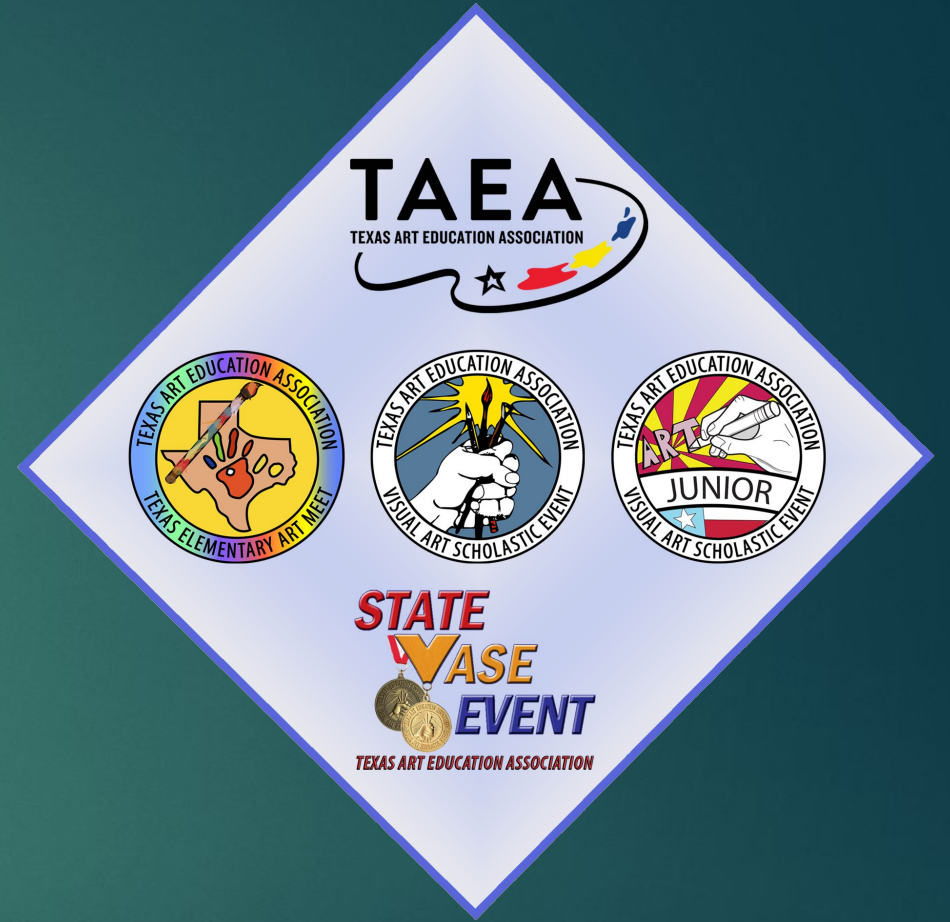


# VASE Rules & Policy Changes

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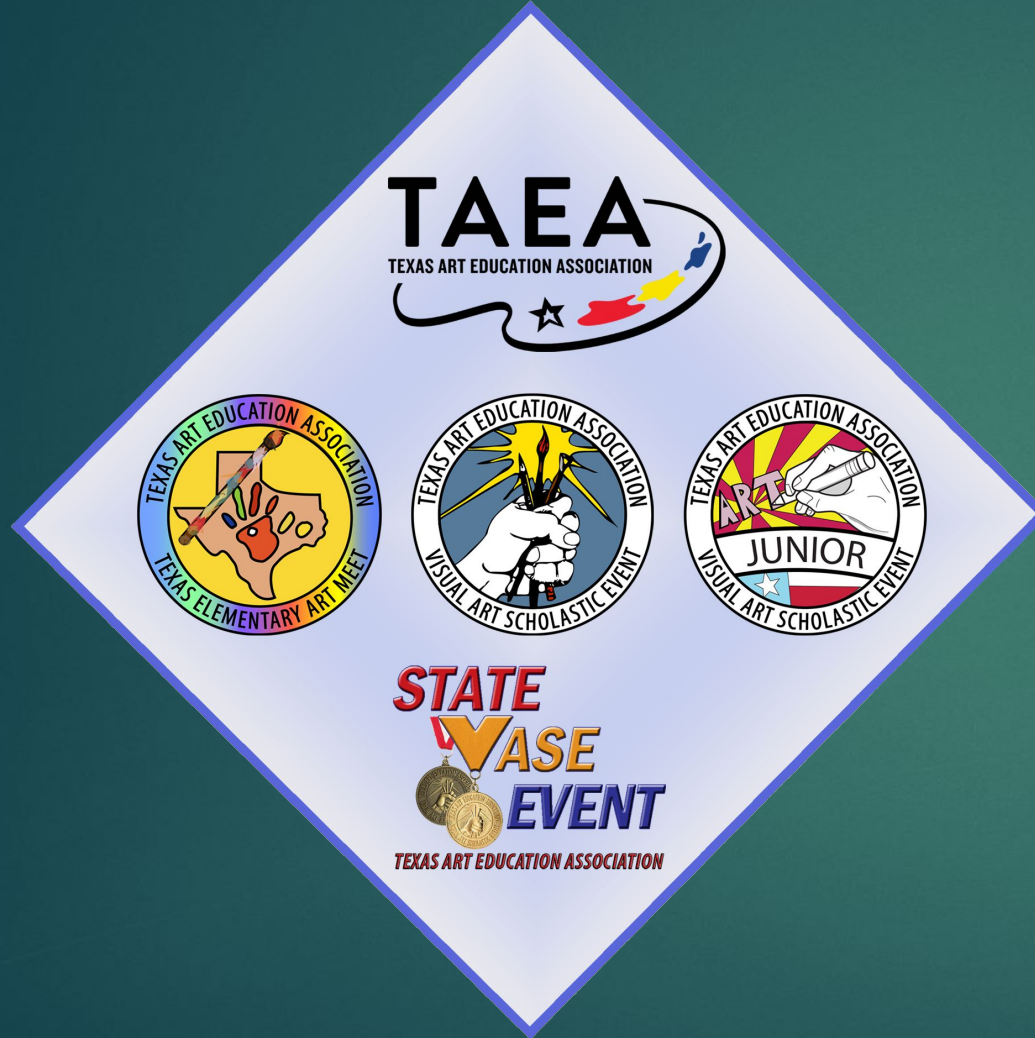


# VASE Mission:

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.

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



## *VASE Structure:*

**State Director: TEAM**  
Tracey Hall

**State Director: Junior VASE**  
Larry West

**State Director: High School VASE**  
Chris Cooper

**State Director: State VASE Event**  
Amy Semifero

# ***VASE BLUE Ribbon Committee:***

Each year, the State Directors of VASE, under the TAEA Executive Director and President, select and convene the Blue Ribbon Committee to address concerns from VASE participants, and guide and changes needed to VASE Rules & Policies. This Committee represents VASE events from all levels, and all ESC Regions in Texas.

The 2022 Blue Ribbon Committee met in July; they wrote & approved the following policy changes/clarifications, which were then approved by the TAEA Executive Board and Council at Large. This Committee continually strives to make VASE a positive learning experience to help guide Visual Arts students in developing their creative potential, while exercising each artist's expressive spirit.

In order to make the VASE Rules & Policies shorter and easier to read, Blue Ribbon Committee and State VASE information are contained in separate documents. Each is referred to in the VASE Rules & Policies, and located under the "Rules & Policies" drop menu on the VASE portion of the TAEA website.



# ***VASE Rules & Policies modifications for 2023:***

**Rule A 1(d)– REMOVED**

**~~Tracing from any photograph and/or non-original sources with any means is prohibited.~~**

***(p.2 of all Rules; Rule A 1 © in TEAM Rules & Policies)***

***The Blue Ribbon Committee voted to remove this rule. The Committee determined that it is redundant; other rules in place sufficiently cover the originality of images.***

# ***VASE Rules & Policies modifications for 2023:***

## ***Section I.2– Entry Regulations (page 2)***

### ***A. 1. Originality (c.)***

***ii. The appropriate box(es) on the *Online Student Intent and Artwork Identification Form* (from this point on may be referred to as the *Online Intent Form*) must be checked citing the source or sources for the artwork.***

***A reference corresponding to each box checked must be included in the Reference PDF.***

### ***Spirit of the modification:***

***A sentence was added spelling out the requirements for the Reference PDF. If you check a box, the corresponding evidence MUST be included in the Reference PDF.***

# ***VASE Rules & Policies modifications for 2023:***

## ***Section I.2– Entry Regulations (page 4)***

### ***A. 6. Specifications of Functioning Artworks (c.)***

**A URL or QR code may be provided with the entry documentation linking to examples showing the artwork functioning. In addition, a video file can be uploaded onto an online platform (ex: YouTube channel), and that URL copied & pasted into the *Online Intent Form* to be viewed for adjudication only.**

### ***Spirit of the modification:***

***While students may provide a video illustrating the artwork functioning, and add the URL to the *Online Intent Form*, that video will not be included in the VASE Gallery if the artwork receives a top rating at State VASE or achieves Platinum Level / Top of TEAM. The video is intended to be present for the benefit of Qualifiers and Jurors.***

# ***VASE Rules & Policies modifications for 2023:***

## ***Section II: Policy, Procedures and Code of Ethics (page 6)***

### ***D. Entry Procedures (1. c, d)***

**(c) All entries must be qualification-ready by the time they go through Online Qualifications (completed and certified entry uploads, compliant artwork specifications, and durability).**

**(d) Artwork must be inspected during Online Qualifications and certified by a Qualifications Worker according to the VASE Rules, Guidelines, and Policies before it can be juried.**

### ***Spirit of the modifications:***

***This modification outlines changes made to in-person HS VASE. JR VASE, and virtual TEAM events regarding the change to Online Qualifications for all three program levels.***



# ***VASE Rules & Policies modifications for 2023:***

## *Section II: Policy, Procedures and Code of Ethics (page 7)*

### *(4) Student Agreement & Artwork Release Form:*

*Each teacher must **complete** a signed *Student Agreement and Artwork Release Form* **for each entry**. A student who is not 18 by the time of the event must have a parent signature. **Release forms will be turned in at the in-person VASE event.***

### *Spirit of the modification:*

*This states that the Student Agreement & Artwork Release Forms will be turned in at all in-person HS VASE and JR VASE Events. This is a return for HS and JV to the pre-virtual VASE policy that forms are turned in at Teacher Registration on VASE Event Day. **(TEAM will retain virtual uploads).***

# ***VASE Rules & Policies modifications for 2023:***

## **Section II: Policy, Procedures and Code of Ethics (page 8)**

### **F. VASE Code of Ethics (3. Jurors: c, d)**

**(c) Jury Forepersons** at all levels **MUST** be certified jurors.

**(d) Jury Forepersons** must be TAEA members and certified art educators. They may only serve as a foreman at one event in a region.

### ***Spirit of the Modification:***

***The title “Foreman” is not necessarily gender-accurate. VASE is replacing the title “Foreman” with the more gender-neutral title “Foreperson” for both the managers of the Juror Panel as stated here and the Qualifications Team (Qualifications Foreperson). This title change is also highlighted in 3. (f) and 3. (h)iv.***

# ***VASE Rules & Policies modifications for 2023:***

## **Section II: Policy, Procedures and Code of Ethics (page 8)**

### **F. VASE Code of Ethics (4. Visual Arts Teachers & Sponsors: h)**

**If the teacher of record is unable to be present at check out, a campus designee must be appointed by the campus administrator prior to the event to collect the artwork. This information is combined with the *Regional Artwork Certification Form*, which requires principal signature. (revised for VASE 2023)**

#### ***Spirit of the Modification:***

***This change was made in the VASE Rules & Policies for 2022. When the 2022 program switched to all virtual events in January, 2022, this change was not implemented.***

***It will be implemented for HS VASE and JR VASE as a single form combining the *Regional Artwork Certification Form* and the *Teacher Check-In / Out form*. TEAM will retain the *Regional Artwork Certification Form* by itself since no teachers will check in or out.***