



## **Mrs. Theresa McGee**

### **2021 Presidential Award Winner**

Theresa McGee is a National Board Certified educator in her eighth year teaching art & digital media at Hinsdale Middle School, after many years of art education in the same district at Monroe Elementary. A frequent presenter online and at local, regional, and national conferences, Theresa covers topics including technology integration, design thinking, and literacy. Recent online presentations include the Redford Film Center presentation: “Transformational Power of Listening”, an NAEA Webcast: “Is It Art? Data Visualization”, and has also been a featured presenter for Wisconsin & Virginia art educators. Theresa has also significantly contributed to the advancement of art education through Illinois art advocacy events, published articles in “Media Arts” & “Typocracy” books, and written articles for her monthly technology column in SchoolArts. She has also served in the Illinois Art Education Association as President, Vice President, Webmaster, and Webinar Coordinator. Theresa currently brings her passion for art education to the national level by serving on the NAEA Board of Directors as Western Region VP-Elect.

In the classroom, Theresa creates a nurturing environment for students to express themselves creatively, articulate conceptual ideas, and exhibit personal voice in their artwork. As a result, her art students have been recognized for their outstanding work with winning recognition in Scholastic Art, the Chicagoland 4x5, and with artwork chosen for the IAEA student show every year for over ten years. Her many contributions and innovative teaching strategies have led to numerous prestigious honors including the National Art Education Technology Outstanding Teaching award, IAEA Distinguished Member, Apple Distinguished Educator, National PBS Teacher Innovator winner, Outstanding Contributions to IAEA award, and IAEA Elementary Art Educator of the Year.

Theresa resides in Orland Park with her supportive husband and two amazing teenaged sons. She contributes to her community as a founding member of the Orland Park Arts Alliance with the goal is to build community and amplify the importance of art and culture.

**[Theresa McGee Photo](#)**