



Chris Sykora
2021 Illinois Art Educator of the Year

Chris Sykora serves as the Executive Director for Art ConnectED, of which he is a co-founder. He teaches high school visual art at Deerfield High School, and holds a Master in Educational Leadership, with a Principal Endorsement. Chris has served on the Executive Board Member for the Illinois Art Education Association, and as the Advocacy Taskforce Chair. With a social constructivist education philosophy and passion for the arts, Chris has led numerous community based projects and professional development workshops with such partners as the Museum of Contemporary Art, IAEA, School of the Art Institute Chicago, and Illinois Association of School Boards, on topics of Creative Curricular Systems and Student Choice. All of which is highlighted in his TEDx Talk: How Creativity Will Save Schools. He also has experience bridging intersections across disciplines, learner communities, and democratic policy.

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