

## Valerie Jones, M.Ed.



Originally from Pennsylvania, Mrs. Valerie Jones calls North Alabama home. She has been teaching secondary visual arts in the Guntersville City Schools system for twenty-three years.

She has earned the following degrees B.S. in Art Education; B.S. Elementary Education Generalist; Art Education M.Ed.; Elementary Education M.Ed. She is also a National Board-Certified Teacher in Early Adolescence Young Adulthood Art.

Mrs. Jones has been awarded Guntersville City Schools Secondary Teacher of the Year four times and the Guntersville Chamber of Commerce Educator of the Year. She has contributed and served on numerous Alabama State Department of Education committees including Alabama Course of Study for Visual Arts.

She is a longtime member of NAEA, AAEA and is sponsor of the National Art Honor Society at Guntersville High School. She also serves on the Board of Directors of the Guntersville Museum and Cultural Center. She is Department Chair for the GHS Arts Education department and is currently serving on the Guntersville High School leadership team.

Mrs. Jones is passionate about all disciplines of the arts. She is dedicated to her students and craft believing that the arts educate the whole child, enrich and give meaning to their lives, create relevance, and prepare them for 21<sup>st</sup> century skills. Her students have won many scholarships and awards at the state, national, and international levels. She considers it a privilege to work in a community of enthusiastic people dedicated to children and arts education.

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