

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOLS OF THEATRE

RESPONSE FORM

Comprehensive Standards Review

The current NAST standards open for review may be found on the NAST website under "[Proposed Revisions/Comments](#)." All standards may be found in the current edition of the NAST [Handbook](#). This comment period is dedicated specifically to a review of standards addressing purposes and operations; theatre program components; specific operational standards for free-standing theatre institutions of higher education; and specific operational standards for proprietary institutions of higher education (see NAST *Handbook 2026-27*, Standards for Accreditation II., III., XIX., and XX.).

Please note:

1. Before responding, please read the following:
 - a. Instructions located under "[Reviewing and Commenting on NAST Standards](#)";
 - b. "Code of Good Practice for the Accreditation Work of NAST" found within Appendix III.A. of the NAST [Handbook](#); and
 - c. "[Frequently Asked Questions](#)" regarding NAST standards and the standards review process.
2. Please use one Response Form for each comment and note whether the comment applies to a specific standard, a section of the standards, or the standards as a whole.
3. When providing comment, please address any or all of the following categories defined within the instructions within "[Reviewing and Commenting on NAST Standards](#)." The categories include:
 - a. **Content:** Subject matter and meaning.
 - b. **Continuity, Timeliness, and Innovation:** Relationships between fundamentals, current issues, and future possibilities.
 - c. **Communication Issues:** Clarity to multiple constituencies.
 - d. **Consistency and Compatibility:** The relationship of one standard or group of standards to all others.
 - e. **Consistency with NAST Principles:** Comparison with principles stated in "Code of Good Practice for the Accreditation Work of NAST" found in the NAST *Handbook* and other statements of principle found in the *Handbook* as a whole.
4. Specific suggestions for textual changes to the standards are appropriate and appreciated.

Standard Citation (note specific citation from the current *Handbook*): _____

Comment:

Comment (continued):

Please submit your response to jkuhlmann@arts-accredit.org no later than April 23, 2026.