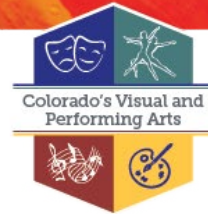


# Visual and Performing Arts Education

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September 2025



Artwork by Owen Myers, 3rd Grade, ColoradKids Create entry, Chappelow Elementary School, Greeley, CO.

## NEWS

Important information from CDE  
Standards and Instructional Support

### Arts Think Tank Meeting

**September 24, 12:30-2:00 p.m.**

The fall Colorado Department Education (CDE) Arts Think Tank meeting will take place this month on September 24th, virtually. If you are a district leader or community arts leader and are interested in joining the conversation, email Carla at [Aguilar\\_C@cde.state.co.us](mailto:Aguilar_C@cde.state.co.us) to receive the calendar invite and meeting link.

### Student Success Guides

**New Resource!**

CDE's guides for Supporting Student Success aim to support a strong partnership between caregivers, students and educators. These guides offer ideas, questions and tips to help families support student learning at home. See the guides for each grade-band on this [CDE webpage](#).

# NEWS

MORE



## Creative Conversations

The CDE Arts Team is excited to announce *Creative Conversations*, a new arts-focused professional development (PD) series for the 2025–2026 school year. This four-part series will be held virtually and designed to support and inspire educators across Dance, Music, Theatre, and Visual Arts. All sessions are free and offer continuing education credit.

### OPEN FOR REGISTRATION

**REGISTER TODAY!**

**Monday, September 15, 4:30-6:00 pm, Virtual**

*Trauma-Informed Practices in the Arts Classroom*

Explore how trauma impacts student behavior, engagement, and learning, with a focus on the unique context of arts education. [Register Here](#)

### UPCOMING SESSIONS

**SAVE THE DATE**

TOPICS AND DESCRIPTIONS COMING SOON

**Tuesday, November 18, 4:30-6:00 pm**

**Wednesday, February 18, 4:30-6:00 pm**

**Thursday, April 23, 2026, 4:30-6:00 pm**

## Additional General Education Professional Learning Opportunities

**REGISTER TODAY!**



### LANDSCAPE OF WELLBEING AND BELONGING

**September 17th, 8:00 am-3:00pm, Virtual**

If you are interested in creating a more inclusive classroom and school culture, consider attending a free, one-day conference centered on the Landscape of Wellbeing and Belonging. This will be held virtually on September 17th.

See more information on the [CDE Webpage](#) or [follow this link to register](#).

### CoLAB - SOUTHEASTERN BOCES REGION

**October 3rd, Lamar, CO.**

The CDE Standards and Instructional Support Team is hosting a free, one-day conference called CoLab for the Southeastern BOCES region teachers, administrators, and district leaders. It will be held in Lamar, CO. on October 3rd. You can find out more information and register to attend on the [CoLab webpage](#).



# Events for

# EDUCATORS



## Colorado Thespian Educator Conference

**September 11-12**, Gaylord Rockies Resort and Convention Center, Aurora, CO

Each year, educators from across the region gather for the Colorado Thespians Educator Conference (CTEC). The conference includes two days of professional development, networking opportunities, community building, and celebrations of standout individuals and organizations in our community. For more information, visit the [Colorado Thespians website](#).

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CU ★ PRESENTS

## Shakespeare & Violence Prevention in Schools

The Colorado Shakespeare Festival and the Center for the Study and Prevention of Violence are proud to offer Colorado schools a touring program that aligns Shakespeare's plays with violence-prevention research. Invite professional actors from CSF to perform abridged plays on-site at your school, followed by interactive activities. 2025-26 titles: Hamlet (grades 6-12) and The Tempest (grades 3-5). To read more about these performances and handbook for educators, please visit the [CU Presents website](#).

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**CAEA**  
COLORADO ART EDUCATION ASSOCIATION

## Colorado Art Education Association Fall Conference

**November 6-8, 2025**, Beaver Run Resort, Breckenridge, CO.

The Colorado Art Education Association's 2025 Fall Conference, themed "Juxtapose," brings together a dynamic community of visual arts educators for three days of hands-on work shops, collaborative sessions, and meaningful professional learning. Held November 6–8 in Breckenridge, this event supports the advancement of art education across Colorado by focusing on educator effectiveness, assessment, and the application of state standards in the arts classroom. Visit the [CAEA website](#) for more information on registration and work shops. Early Registration ends September 4th!



# Events for

# EDUCATORS



## National American Eurhythmics (AES) Society Conference

**October 24-25, 2025**, CSU, University Center for the Arts, Fort Collins, CO

Join us for a day-and-a-half of workshop sessions on how to incorporate purposeful movement, improvisation, Solfège Rythmique, interactive stories, and Plastique Animée to increase student attention, concentration, social integration, and understanding of musical nuance in a variety of teaching contexts! Sessions will be led by Master Teaching Artists in Eurhythmics, and local chapters such as the Colorado Eurhythmics Society. You can read more about this event and register on the [AES website](#).

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## Harp Symposium

**October 4, 2025**, CSU, University Center for the Arts, Fort Collins, CO

The Colorado State University Harp Studio is partnering with the Mile High Chapter of the American Harp Society to host their 2025 Harp Symposium! The day's schedule will feature community socializing, workshops, and panel discussions led by Colorado harpists. This immersive harp event will culminate in an afternoon harp performance. Please visit the [Mile High Chapter website](#) for registration details.

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## OAKE Western Division Mini Music Conference

**November 7-8, 2025**, Metro State University, Denver, CO.

The Western Division of the Organization of Kodály Educators is hosting a conference on November 7-8 at MSU Denver. Events start at 5:00pm on Friday evening and end at 5:30pm on Saturday. Information on the presenters and registration can be found on this [OAKE webpage](#).

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## Addressing Trauma through the Arts

Educators will take a deep-dive into Addressing Trauma through the Arts: A Toolkit that Creates Regulation, Relationship and Resiliency in the Classroom. The professional development will feature arts strategies that support classrooms and students struggling with trauma-related behaviors. Arts strategies are rooted in neuroscience and draw from music, visual art, drama and movement. For more information on this Professional Development and Online Toolkit, visit the [Cultural Office of the Pikes Peak Region website](#).





# Events for STUDENTS



## Be a Voice Music Major for a Day

**October 6, 2025**, CSU, University Center for the Arts, Fort Collins, CO

Join us on the Colorado State University campus and experience a day in the life of a music major in the voice area! The day is an opportunity for high school students, transfer students, associate degree graduates, and current CSU students (and their parents/guardians) to see what it is like being a music major at CSU. Attend a choir rehearsal, opera performance, and a class within your degree area (Bachelor of Music in Music Education, Music Therapy, Performance, or Bachelor of Arts in Music). Have lunch with current students (Please bring \$15/visiting student; parents and chaperones on your own for lunch). Experience a voice lesson with a faculty member. Parents are welcome! For more information and to register visit this [CSU Webpage](#).



## 2025 Fall Double Reed Workshop

**December 14, 2025**, CSU, University Center for the Arts, Fort Collins, CO

Tailored for new or beginner oboists and bassoonists, this workshop will help you gain fundamental skills, build confidence, and sound your best! Led by Dr. Cayla Bellamy, bassoon, and Dr. Galit Kaunitz, oboe, this event is perfect not only for students, but for band directors looking to brush up their comfort level with the double reeds. Come learn more about the oboe and bassoon in a friendly and low-pressure environment! For more information and to register visit this [CSU Webpage](#).



## 2025 Fall Dance Experience: Visit and Audition Day

**November 7, 2025**, CSU, University Center for the Arts, Fort Collins, CO

During the Dance Experience visit, participants will take classes in modern, hip-hop, and ballet taught by CSU dance faculty. You will take classes alongside CSU dance majors. You will get to talk to current students and faculty, and you will see a live performance of choreography in progress for our upcoming concerts. You will have the chance to perform the solo portion of your dance major audition in person, and you will also complete the audition interview during the event. For more information and to register visit this [CSU Webpage](#).



# We Want to Hear from You!

## Send Us Your Happenings!

The CDE Arts Education e-Updates are sent **five times** during the school year:

August/September, October/November, December/January, February/March, and April/May.

Send information to [Latva\\_L@cde.state.co.us](mailto:Latva_L@cde.state.co.us) **by the 1st day of the month** for your news to be included in an edition.

## Featured Artwork Submissions

Send us a photo of a student artwork or performance to be featured in our eUpdate!

Submissions should include ***Title, Name of Artist, Grade, Media, School***. One school will be featured in each bi-monthly eUpdate.

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[Colorado Dance Education Organization \(CoDEO\)](#)

## CDE Quick Links

[CDE Arts Webpage](#)

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## Student Success Guides

[Student Success Guides](#)

are designed for parents, guardians, caretakers, and communities. They act as a toolkit of questions and activities to support students' learning in alignment with the Colorado Academic Standards.

