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CDE Announcement: CDE launches THE SPARK, the first teacher newsletter -

The Spark is for Colorado teachers and is filled with information, inspiration, and resources on state-level issues, events, and actions involving educators. Commissioner Katy Anthes states, "I have pledged to work with teachers, support them and find new ways to build up the profession. Supporting educators has become one of CDE's key strategic goals...We hope to keep you informed about the implementation of major policies and legislation that involves teachers as well as other important state-level developments. We also want to highlight good work being done by teachers around the state." [Click here to subscribe.](#)

STANDARDS AND INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPORT

On behalf of all the Standards and Instructional Support team, we would like to wish you and yours a happy, healthy and prosperous Holiday Season! May you bring this year to a successful close and begin 2018 in the best way possible!



The Online Standards Feedback System is now closed.

Thank you to the over 1500 educators, school and district leaders, parents, elected officials, students, faculty at institutions of higher education, education organizations, and community members for sharing their feedback on proposed revisions to standards in all content areas. **All feedback received will be organized and posted the week of January 8th, 2018** which is the same week all review and revision committees will be conducting their 4th meetings. The feedback will be used to assist the committees in determining what additional revisions are needed prior to making recommendations before the Colorado State Board of Education.

Upcoming Committee Meetings

Fourth Committee Meeting

- **All Arts Content Areas: Jan. 12, 2018, 9:00am - 4:00pm**
Metropolitan State University of Denver

Fifth Committee Meeting

- **All Arts Content Areas: Feb. 23, 2018, 9:00am - 4:00pm**
Metropolitan State University of Denver

Ideas, feedback and questions can be shared at the following email: standardsreview2018@cde.state.co.us

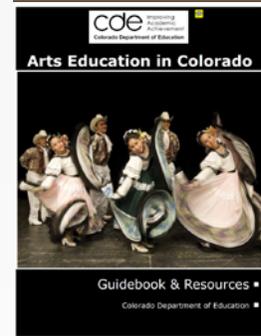


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CDE Quick Links

- Arts Education Guidebook



- [CDE Arts Webpage](#)

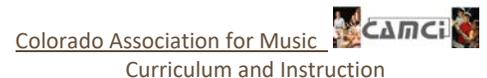
Colorado State Arts Partners



Colorado Arts Associations



[Colorado Music Educators Association](#)



[Colorado Dance Education Organization](#)



COLORADO HAPPENINGS

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Application for 2018 Art Contest Now Available

The application for the 2018 “One World, Many Voices” Academy Art Contest is now available. The Office of Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Education (CLDE) will honor an art student who demonstrates the theme of celebrating diversity through fine art.

Qualifications for Entry:

- Student must be a full-time K-12 student.
- Students may write the narrative in their native language, or, for grades K-2, be scripted by an adult.
- Student artwork expressing the student’s views around the theme of “One World, Many Voices” (Examples: photograph, drawing, painting, sculpture, pottery, fiber, digital/electronic art, etc...).

Applications for this honor will be due Feb. 14, 2018. Access the [application](#) and details on the [CLDE webpage](#).



Arts Advocacy Day March 8

Old Supreme Court Chambers, at the Capitol 8:30 – 11:00 am

Arts for Colorado (AFC) is a nonpartisan, statewide nonprofit 501(c)(4) organization dedicated to improving the climate for creative industries throughout the state, facilitating advocacy for Colorado’s arts and culture, and preserving and expanding state-

level public- and private-sector support for the arts. Join us for Arts Advocacy Day to meet your legislators and share your love for arts positive legislation. Registration will open soon on ArtsforColorado.com



The TAB (Teaching for Artistic Behavior) Conference is coming up quickly! January 13th and 14th (MLK Weekend)

Two days for listening, questioning, sharing and inspiration! Attend the Keynote for free, with Diane Jaquith as this year’s speaker. Jaquith is the co-author of *Engaging Learners through Artmaking: Choice-Based Art Education in the Classroom*, and co-editor of *The Learner-Directed Classroom:*

Developing Creative Thinking Through Art. The conference is \$80 / \$40 for students. For an additional \$60 you can sign up with UNC for 1 college credit.

Register at: Tabcolorado.weebly.com

Questions? Comments? You can email Jessi Ruby: rubbyj@wcsdre1.org OR Kelly Beach: kbeach@bromleyeastcs.org

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In a continuing quest to expand the societal role of art education through questions, dialogue and multidisciplinary study, the University of Northern Colorado’s School of Art and Design in a collaboration with the Art Education department and UNC Galleries will host a speaker series to bring leaders and thinkers to campus to lecture, present workshops, and interact with our faculty,

students, alumni, and K-12 partners across the state. **The first speaker in the series will be Olivia Gude coming to campus March 2nd and 3rd, 2018.** Olivia will present a public lecture and a workshop for interested students and the professional community. There will be a UNC graduate professional development credit offered for attendance and subsequent research and reflection. Other speakers have been invited for early summer 2018 to coincide with the UNC graduate program. Check <http://arts.unco.edu/art/galleries/programs/> for more information.



Colorado Creative Industries News

Colorado Creative Industries (CCI), Colorado's state arts agency, is a Division of the Colorado Office of Economic Development and International Trade. The mission of the Creative Industries Division is to promote, support and expand the creative industries to drive Colorado's economy, grow jobs and enhance our quality of life. Colorado Creative Industries offers grants, awards and resources to support creative organizations in Colorado. [Click here to read more about programs and opportunities.](#)



Colorado Shakespeare Festival is gearing up to do more Shakespeare with kids and teens (and a few adults) with their Spring [School of Theatre](#) offerings - after school classes and Saturday workshops - and summer programs, [Camp Shakespeare](#) and [Shakespeare's Sprites](#). CSF hopes to see you and the Shakespeare fans in your life (young and old) at one of these offerings in the next few months. Wishing you merriment as you "make holiday" this season!



Highlights from Think 360 Arts

Save the Date for Creative Learning Labs!

February 15, 2018

Kick start those resolutions and begin the year with professional development! Creative Learning Labs are half-day workshops on a variety of topics relevant to educators, teaching artists, and arts education providers. Sessions will be lead by Damon McLeese from VSA Access Gallery and Regan Linton from Phamaly Theatre Company.

Pricing: Half day \$60 - Full day \$80

*Think 360 Artist Pricing: FREE

FOR MORE INFORMATION: www.Think360Arts.org or contact Jason Diminich at 720-904-8890 x 101



2017/2018 NEW STUDENT MATINEE SERIES

The Student Matinee Series features school day performances for students and teachers presented at the Robert and Judi Newman Center for the Performing Arts on the campus of the University of Denver. Perfect for field trips, we're offering the **five special**

performances specifically tailored for student audiences. Each performance will include study guides tied to the Colorado Academic Standards and 21st Century Skills with easy-to-implement mini-lessons before and after the show. Tickets are \$4 per student; teachers and chaperones are free! (restrictions apply)

- Hour-long performances during the school day.
- Easy bus parking.
- Connects students to culturally diverse programming from around the world.
- Public, private and charter school and homeschool groups are welcome to reserve tickets (not open to the general public). For more information, [click here](#) or contact us at nc.learning@du.edu or 303.871.7720

National Happenings



Little Kids ROCK!

Little Kids Rock transforms lives by restoring, expanding, and innovating music education in our schools. That is Little Kids Rock's mission, and since 2002, we have given more than 650,000 under-served schoolchildren across the U.S. access to fun, engaging, [Modern Band](#) music classes and brand new instruments at no cost to the students, teachers, or school districts. Little Kids Rock trains public school teachers and donates all of the instruments, curricular resources and support they need to ensure that their kids receive the right to rock! What makes Little Kids Rock different is that we do more than just donate instruments like guitars, drums and keyboards; we build lasting music programs that focus on teaching kids to perform, improvise and compose the popular music genres that they already know and love, like rock, pop, blues, hip-hop, country, reggae and R&B. See [how it works!](#)



Rural Arts, Design and Innovation in America

Research Findings from the Rural Establishment Innovation Survey

Rural arts organizations draw more non-local audiences to their venues and report greater civic leadership and customer connectedness than their urban

peers, according to a new research report, [Rural Arts, Design, and Innovation in America: Research Findings from the Rural Establishment Innovation Survey](#). Published by the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA), the report is based primarily on 2014 data from the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Economic Research Service (ERS). The ERS's Rural Establishment Innovation Survey examines the type and breadth of innovation within rural businesses.

Rural Arts, Design, and Innovation in America is important because until now, arts and economic impact theories have been built and tested only in urban environments. As noted in the report's preface, "Frequently, the data infrastructure for rural arts research projects has proved inadequate for elementary fact-finding, not to mention for generalizing about rural creative economies as a whole. Into this climate, the Rural Establishment Innovation Survey bursts as an unprecedented resource."



SAVE THE DATE!

The 2018 Americans for the Arts Annual Convention will be in Denver, Colorado! Join us June 15-17, when arts and community leaders from across the country will discuss pressing issues around public art, community development, education, advocacy and equity. [To learn more click here.](#)



DEVELOPING A THEORY OF ACTION FOR K-12 ARTS EDUCATION AND SEL OUTCOMES

What role do arts education programs play in children's social and emotional learning (SEL) and development?

This is not a new question; social and emotional competencies have increasingly been **acknowledged** as an essential **component** of a well-rounded education with important **implications** for lifelong success. In turn, education researchers have increasingly paid attention to **understanding** how social and emotional **outcomes** can be developed, and school leaders have increasingly paid attention to developing these competencies in their students. Simultaneously, arts education researchers and practitioners have also begun to pay more **attention** to the **role** of arts programs in SEL. [Read more here](#)



EdTA National Conference-Mark your calendar for next year!

We are All Artists will examine the intersection of classroom teaching and theatrical artistry, in workshops and keynotes that focus on how teachers and teaching artists can collaborate and complement one another's strengths to enrich students' theatre experiences. Join us for We are All Artists and rediscover the artistry in your teaching

and the teaching in your art.

Date: September 13-16, 2018 **Location:** [Grand Hyatt Denver](#) 1750 Welton Street Denver, Colorado 80202

To learn more about the EdTA National Conference, which addressed The Rise of STEAM, Real World Theatre Education for the 21st Century, check out 2017's [event schedule](#) and [list of workshops](#). Interested in teaching at the EdTA National Conference? [Submit a proposal](#).



Upcoming OPDI Courses: Spring 2018 Enrollment now open!

For course descriptions, [click here](#). Information on college credit [here](#).

12-week Courses:

OPDI-103: Foundations for Assessments in Dance (1/29-4/22)

OPDI-106: Choreographic Explorations in Dance Since 1953 (1/29-4/22)

OPDI-101: Introduction to the Professional Teaching Standards for Dance Arts (PTSDA) (2/12-5/6)

OPDI-113: Foundations of Dance Pedagogy for All Dance Environments (2/12-5/6)

4 and 6-week Mini Courses:

OPDI-M5: Writing Successful Dance Funding Proposals (2/12-3/25)

OPDI-M4: Developmental Domains in Dance (3/5-4/1)

OPDI-M12: Jazz Dance Theory and Practice (3/5-4/1)

OPDI- M8: Developing Cornerstone Assessments for the New Dance Standards (3/5-4/15)

Registration and Tuition Payment Deadline: Thursday before course start date. However, if you are registering for the additional UNCG credits, please make OPDI tuition and UNCG credit payments no later than January 12th. [Read more](#)

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

2017/2018 Arts Education Events/Conferences

We are happy to share your news!!

Information deadline is the 15th of each month. E-Updates are typically every two months

Aug/Sept, Oct/Nov, Dec/Jan, Feb/Mar, May/June

January 13-14, 2018
January 24-27, 2018
February 26, 2018
March 2 & 3, 2018
March 8, 2018
April 23, 2018

TAB Colorado Conference
Colorado Music Educators Conference
CDE Think Tank
UNC's Speaker Series/Olivia Guide
Arts Advocacy Day
CDE Think Tank

[Tabcolorado.weebly.com](http://tabcolorado.weebly.com)
<http://www.cmeaonline.org/Home.aspx>
[http://arts.unco.edu/art/galleries/programs/
ArtsforColorado.com](http://arts.unco.edu/art/galleries/programs/ArtsforColorado.com)

Contact:

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to sign up and/or share something, or
Unsubscribe. **Information deadline is
the 15th of each month.**

Leveraging Community Partnerships:

Rural Philanthropy Days, the Community Resource Center (Success Strategies for Colorado Nonprofits) is a statewide program that brings skill-building, collaborative, and funding opportunities to nonprofits and community organizations through two annual regional conferences. The next RPD conference will take place on June 13-15, 2018. The Southeast regions is comprised of Baca, Bent, Crowley, Kiowa, Las Animas, Otero, and Prowers Counties. [Read more](#)