

Arts Education eUpdate

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CDE Announcement: Educator performance reports show majority of Colorado educators are effective or higher - Performance reports for Colorado teachers and principals released to the public for the first time show the majority of educators received evaluation ratings of “effective” or higher. “The purpose of the Great Teachers and Leaders Act was to support our teachers and leaders in improving their practice through regular, meaningful feedback,” said Colorado Education Commissioner Katy Anthes. “These metrics act as a tool to help educators and principals understand where they can improve, but even more important than the ratings are the meaningful conversations that are taking place during evaluations to help lift up our teachers and principals so that students can achieve their academic potential.” [Read more](#)

STANDARDS AND INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPORT

Standards Review and Revision Newsletter

CDE is committed to supporting an open, inclusive and responsive standards review and revision process. This monthly newsletter serves as a reminder of all the ways you can participate and give your feedback. In the first edition of the newsletter, you will find information on applying for one of the standards review committees. The Office of Standards and Instructional Support will also begin hosting monthly webinars to assist those interested in keeping up with the standards review process. [Read more](#)

Phase IV of the District Sample Curriculum Project: High Impact Instructional Strategies

The Office of Standards and Instructional Support announces the launch of Phase IV of the District Sample Curriculum Project. This phase focuses on providing tools and resources developed by teachers for teachers in all content areas that highlight the teaching and learning cycle:

- Planning for instruction
- Enacting instruction
- Reflection on instruction

To learn more and access these resources please visit the High Impact Instructional Strategies webpage.

Statement from the National Endowment for the Arts Chairman Jane Chu

Today we learned that the President’s FY 2018 budget blueprint proposes the elimination of the National Endowment for the Arts. We are disappointed because we see our funding actively making a difference with individuals of all ages in thousands of communities, large, small, urban and rural, and in every Congressional District in the nation. [Read more](#)

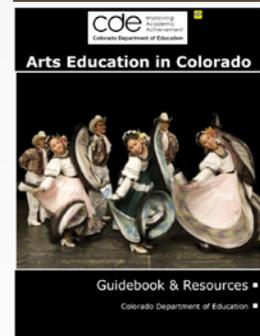


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CDE Quick Links

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A NOTE FROM THE DIRECTOR:

Hello Arts Supporters~

The Standards and Instructional Support Team has been busy launching [Phase IV of the District Sample Curriculum Project](#) and gearing up for the standards review and revision process. The arts team has added some incredible high impact instructional strategies resources including variety of lesson plan sample submissions from arts educators. There is a terrific, full model arts lesson film by our own Donna Goodwin that spotlights many of our arts teacher leaders from around the state as the "students". Dance and Drama Theatre teachers submitted some great classroom films of their sample lesson plans and the music team offered a terrific array of sample lesson plans from elementary to high school.

These arts submissions are just a sampling of the full submissions sent, the full set of submissions are now housed in a terrific resource tool developed by our partners at [Think 360 Arts-Peer Exchange](#). These incredible offerings just continue to inspire-- what a depth of expertise and collaborative spirit our arts education community brings to any request for help we send. I cannot express the level of gratitude I have for each and every contributor and our terrific arts content specialist team. Check out ALL the great resources and I truly hope to see many of you during the arts standards revision process!

COLORADO HAPPENINGS



Aurora Public Schools Identifies Giftedness in Music for the First Time

In January, Aurora Public Schools began identifying gifted and talented students in music. Teachers in the district are excited for the opportunities for students to be identified and for the challenge of ensuring these students are provided the best experiences for growing their talents. To meet the state criteria that identifies gifted and talented students, the Music Advisory Group in APS elected to use the Music Aptitude Profile (MAP) developed by Edwin E. Gordon as the primary screening test and one of the three measures that must be used to identify AGATE students. Students showing high aptitude on the MAP were additionally screened with the CIGS profile, followed by a juried audition before the Music Advisory Group. Four of eight students were identified as gifted and talented in music – the district's first students identified as such. It was in the jury process that the Music Advisory Group learned the importance of the live audition and an interaction with students for distinguishing giftedness in music.



REQUEST FOR SUBMISSIONS!

Friday June 2, Thompson School District, in partnership with the Breckenridge FilmFest, will host a "Colorado" student film festival night in Loveland, CO that will feature the best middle and high school films submitted from throughout Colorado. The top films, as voted on by judges and the audience, will play in a student program at the Breck FilmFest being held **September 21-24** that will include the top film submissions from students across the country. Also included will be workshops and student interactions with independent filmmakers who have films screening in Breck FilmFest, which will add a new level of opportunity for our students. Click on this link to submit a film, <https://filmfreeway.com/festival/breckfilmfest>



Colorado Creative Industries News

Change Leader Institute

Change Leader Institute is a three-day leadership development opportunity that builds and sustains an active network of graduates who become leader in their communities, and supports the work of CCI across the state. Designed for cultural and community leaders, the institute lays the basics for assessing the environment for needs and opportunities, and teaches communication and facilitation skills that can implement change.

SAVE THE DATE!

2017 Creative Industries Summit • Breckenridge Arts District • May 4-5, 2017

Check out many more CCI events [here](#).



Highlights from Think 360 Arts

Registration is now open for the 25rd Annual Institute for Creative Teaching

For over 25 years, Think 360 Arts and Morgridge College of Education at the University of Denver have partnered to deliver the Institute for Creative Teaching (ICT), an intensive summer professional development training in arts integration. ICT is designed for K-12 classroom teachers in all subject areas, as well as school administrators and arts coordinators, to learn teaching techniques that equip students with 21st century skills such as innovation, communication, collaboration, and critical thinking.

ICT will be held at Graland Country Day School, Tuesday June 20th through Friday, June 23, 2017.

**Through generous support from Denver Arts and Venues, 10 scholarships are available for Denver Public School teachers.

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO REGISTER:

www.Think360Arts.org or contact Jason Diminich, Education Director at 720-904-8890 x 101

Call For Artists!

Are you an artist who is passionate about arts education? Do you want to bring your craft to Colorado communities and schools? Apply to be a Think 360 Teaching Artist!

Think 360 Artists:

- Bring innovative arts programming to Colorado schools and communities
- Share their work and processes with underserved populations and unique audiences
- Are offered competitive salaries, flexible schedules and professional development opportunities
- Inspire the next generation of artists and creators.

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO APPLY:

www.Think360Arts.org or contact Lares Feliciano, Program Director at 720-904-8890 x 102



Upcoming Creative Learning Lab Events

Think 360 Arts for Learning is hosting two Creative Learning Labs on April 18th.

Session 1: 9:00am – 11:30 am - **Teaching With the Brain in Mind**

This hands on workshop will provide easy to implement, neuro-considered strategies that compliment how the brain functions and mindful techniques to best engage student learning.

Presented by Amanda Brantley

Session 2: 1:00pm – 3:30pm - **The Art of The Real: Showing up Authentically in Creative and Inclusive Spaces**

Attendees will "Check Your Head" utilizing engaging activities and exercises designed to invigorate instruction styles and classroom environments

Presented by Bianca Mikahn and Check Your Head.

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO REGISTER: www.Think360Arts.org

The Center for Integrated Arts Education's Arts Education Leadership Institute

KID CULTURE June 13-15 The 2017 Institute will examine the ways students' cultural interests, assumptions, and values differ from the adult culture of their teachers and parents. The Institute will be an opportunity for teachers to decenter themselves, listen to students, other teachers and scholars who have asked similar questions and find new ways of interacting in the classroom. On the campus of the University of Northern Colorado.

More information here: <http://arts.unco.edu/art/center-arts-education/>



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Extended Campus: DANCE EDUCATION MASTER OF ARTS

The UNC Dance Education Master of Arts program is designed for educators who wish to build their credentials while developing their knowledge in the field of Dance Education. In this program, one will be able to build on teaching strategies, develop theoretical knowledge as it relates to teaching and learning, and develop dance/movement skills. This master's program was designed with online delivery in the academic Fall and Spring plus summer workshops to fit into the schedules of current and aspiring dance educators. The summer face to face workshops will include courses on choreography and learning dance forms.

National Happenings

EDUCATION WEEK

States Introduce New Measure of Accountability: Arts

Education

As states revamp the systems they use to evaluate schools, at least five are considering using the arts as a measure of school quality. The Every Student Succeeds Act [opened the doors for states to rethink how they evaluated schools' quality](#). In addition to measures like English-language proficiency, graduation rates, and scores on standardized achievement tests, which are commonly used in current accountability systems, some states are required to include one "additional indicator" of school quality in their system. That could include social-emotional indicators or access to certain courses—including the arts. New Jersey was the first state to include arts in its accountability system. The state added [student enrollment in arts classes](#) as a measure on school report cards in 2014, before ESSA was finalized. In an email, Dale Schmid, the state's content coordinator for visual and performing arts, said, "I think it's important to note that soon after the arts were included in the state accountability plan, school principals began to tout the strength of their districts' arts programs—IN WRITING and in the press!" He said that was evidence of the significance and impact of the new regulation. [Read more](#)



National Honor Society for Dance Arts

The National Honor Society for Dance Arts™ (NHSDA) is a program of the National Dance Education Organization (NDEO), created to recognize outstanding artistic merit, leadership, and academic achievement in students studying dance in public and private schools in K-12 education, dance studios, cultural/community centers, performing arts organizations, and post-secondary education. Establishing an NHSDA chapter in your school is one very important way that you can honor your students and help advance the field of dance education. Any additional questions please email Colorado representative Loni Peterson at: NHSDA@co-deo.org or visit the NHSDA website today. <http://nhsda.clubexpress.com>



Register Your Creative Youth Development Program as part of the Creative Youth Development National Partnership!

Join together with other programs to begin to build a national network and to field the expansion and increased collaboration of the field. By registering, your program will be placed on a map with other CYD programs from around the country and be included in a database, which will facilitate the peer-to-peer knowledge exchange and research. [Read more here.](#)



The American Alliance for Theatre & Education, the Educational Theatre Association and the International Thespian Society are sponsoring Theatre in Our Schools (TIOS) Month this March to raise awareness of the impact of theatre education and the need for high-quality theatre programs in schools. Follow along this month with Academy Award Winner Kevin Kline, for updates on community programming and events sharing the importance of school theatre. #TIOS17. [More](#)



Music Education • Orchestrating Success The National Association for Music Education is sponsoring Music in Our Schools Month (MIOSM) in March to help draw attention to high-quality music education programs across the country. Key highlights of MIOSM are a Music in Our Schools Tour, co-sponsored by the Give a Note Foundation and Radio Disney, featuring music programs in a sponsored community concert and the largest school choir concert in the world, giving thousands of young singers the chance to sing together. Follow along using the hashtag #MIOSM. [More](#)



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

2017 Arts Education Events/Conferences

April 10, 2017

CDE Arts Think Tank

May 7, 2017

CoDEO Annual Meeting

June 13-15, 2017

Center for Integrated Arts Education

<https://www.facebook.com/events/342913609436500/>

<http://arts.unco.edu/art/center-arts-education/>

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[US](#) 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. Learn more about RPD by exploring their history, conference components, upcoming events, and opportunities in each of the program's eight rural regions. [Read more](#)