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Department of Education

CDE Announcement: Colorado State Board agrees to resubmit ESSA plan with changes to meet federal requirements - Parental excusals won't impact schools and districts in state accountability system. In its two-day October meeting the Board agreed to follow differing state assessment reporting rules outlined in state and federal policy with a solution that will allow federal funds for school improvement to be directed to schools that need it most. The Board approved re-submitting the ESSA state plan to meet the federal requirements for achievement calculations, but to differentiate schools identified. CDE can give preference to schools for support based on the performance of students that participated in the assessments. [Read more here.](#)



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STANDARDS AND INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPORT

Online Standards Feedback System - Second opportunity now open!

The [online standards feedback system](#) is available from October 16, 2017 to November 27, 2017. We invite all interested educators, school and district leaders, parents, elected officials, students, faculty at institutions of higher education, education organizations, and community members to share feedback on proposed revisions to standards in all content areas.

Summaries are provided which outline the substantive revisions that the standards review committees are recommending. In addition to the summaries of proposed revisions, CDE has opened the [online feedback system](#) to enable all Coloradans to review the revisions embedded within the standards and has created [complete lists of proposed revisions](#) including rationales for each.

For more information about the standards review and revision process, please visit <https://www.cde.state.co.us/standardsandinstruction/casreview>.

For more information about the **dance committee**, please visit: <http://www.cde.state.co.us/standardsandinstruction/cas-committees-dance>.

For more information about the **drama and theatre arts committee**, please visit: <http://www.cde.state.co.us/standardsandinstruction/cas-committees-dramaandtheatrearts>.

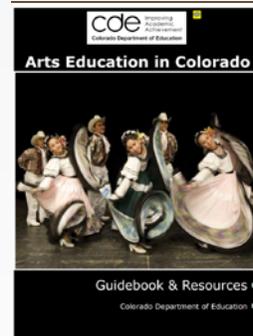
For more information about the **music committee**, please visit: <http://www.cde.state.co.us/standardsandinstruction/cas-committees-music>.

For more information about the **visual arts committee**, please visit: <http://www.cde.state.co.us/standardsandinstruction/cas-committees-visualarts>.

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

CDE Quick Links

- Arts Education Guidebook



- [CDE Arts Webpage](#)

Colorado State Arts Partners

Colorado Creative Industries 

Think 360 Arts 

Colorado Arts Associations

Colorado Arts Education Association 

Colorado Music Educators Association



Colorado Association for Music Curriculum and Instruction 

Colorado State Thespians 

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](#).

New TIGER Music Grant Now Available



The Technology, Instruments, Guest, Experiences, and Resources (TIGER) Music Grant is now available. This new opportunity is made possible through a generous donation from [Face Vocal Band](#). Some members of the group have been educators themselves or had music education experiences that were vital to them as students, thus, they wanted to show their appreciation for hard working music educators in the state. They know that it is often difficult for music programs to purchase items such as sheet music, risers and the basics for music instruction, so they earmarked concert proceeds to offer small grants to music programs to offset these costs.

School districts (on behalf of schools and charters schools), the Charter School Institute (CSI) and non-public schools are eligible to apply for this opportunity. Approximately \$30,000 will be available for approximately 15 – 30 grants. Note: A maximum of \$3,000 will be awarded to districts applying for multiple schools and a maximum of \$2,000 will be awarded to districts applying for a single school.

Applications will be due **Friday, November 3, 2017 to competitivegrants@cde.state.co.us**.

To apply please submit a complete cover sheet and assurances page, application pages (including answers to questions for the application narrative) and the budget sheet (*incomplete applications will not be considered*). These submissions must be received no later than 11:59pm on the due date above to the competitive grants email above.

For the application and more information visit the [Arts Standards Webpage](#).



Arts in Education Week in Colorado Springs District 11

The Board of Education for Colorado Springs District 11 supported a resolution which designates September 10-16, 2017 as Arts in Education Week for the district. The board affirmed the importance of the arts as an essential part of a well-rounded, academic education and asked that all employees and families observe the week with appropriate arts activities. Congratulations to all who worked on getting this important initiative

passed!



AN EDUCATIONAL THEATRE ASSOCIATION AFFILIATE

Colorado THESCON - Register now!

Be a part of the Rocky Mountain regions leading educational theatre event, the 2017 Colorado State Thespian Conference. The Colorado State Thespian Society will be hosting their 53rd annual high school and middle school theatre conference December 7-9, 2017 at the Colorado Convention Center and the Hyatt Regency Hotel, located in the heart of the Denver Performing Arts community. [Click here 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. [Career Advancement Grant application deadline is November 2nd, 2017.](#) [Click here to apply.](#) [Click here to read more about programs and opportunities.](#)

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Colorado Springs Creative Collective Project

Affordable Live/Work Space for Artists and Creatives in Downtown Colorado Springs! The mission of the CS Creative Collective Project is to create affordable live/work space for artists, arts organizations and creative businesses serving the Pikes Peak region and to be located in downtown Colorado Springs, a Colorado Certified Creative District. The CS Creative Collective's Arts Market Survey Celebration & Report to the Community is on Monday evening, October 23 in the galleries of Cottonwood Center for the Arts. Gathering at 5:30 pm for hors d'oeuvres/beverages with the presentation of the Survey findings at 6:00 pm. For more information contact Bob Wolfson, Project Lead at: bob@cscreativecollective.org



Highlights from Think 360 Arts

[CAP Grant Application Deadline November 10, 2017](#)

The Colorado Arts Partnership Grants (CAP Grant) are funded by Think 360 Arts, Colorado Creative Industries, and the National Endowment for the Arts. CAP Grants will support Colorado schools in executing innovation and creativity surrounding their arts in education programs, and they will support Colorado artists and arts education organizations through collaboration with schools. CAP Grants provide Colorado public schools the exclusive opportunity to apply for funding that supplements and supports arts instruction for students during the school day. The CAP Grants will support innovative projects that demonstrate strong collaboration among community arts partners and teachers in order to provide arts instruction to students.

Timeline

- November 10, 2017 Grant Application deadline
- December 1, 2017 Award Notifications will be sent
- May 18, 2018 Final Report due

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



The Colorado Art Education Association annual conference is November 2-5, 2017

at the lovely Beaver Run Resort in Breckenridge, CO. This year the theme is "It's Always Time for Art". The conference will focus on art making and the processes of making art. We will offer professional development to art educators, information in arts integration, advocacy tools, pedagogy, special needs, and state standards instruction. All Conference workshop hours can be applied toward CDE licensure renewal. Pre-Register Through October 22nd Register and find out more at: <http://www.caeaco.org>



Colorado Music Educators Conference

Join other Colorado music educators in the annual Music Educators Conference January 24-27, 2018 in Colorado Springs at the Broadmoor. Brush up on new ideas for your music classroom, information about advocacy and policy related to music education, and see some performance of outstanding programs from Colorado. [Click here for more information.](#)



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



Exhibitions, Tours, and Events

Visit the CVA to see spectacular exhibitions during First and Third Friday art walks, public [events](#) and programs for youth and families. Immersive tours and hands-on workshops for students, educators, families and community groups encourage curiosity, playfulness and

creativity. For more information contact us [here](#).



UNIVERSITY OF NORTHERN COLORADO Art Exhibition Program

The Galleries' [exhibition program](#) embraces curatorial risk-taking, highlighting socially relevant topics that feature regional, national and international artists. [The Visiting Artist Program](#) welcomes experts from around the country to Greeley for one-day campus visits or week-long "micro-residencies." The program offers unique opportunities for firsthand discussion with artists, curators, and scholars to provide a closer look at how creative professionals live and work. Visitors present their work in a public lecture and are integrated into the curriculum through targeted, intentional classroom visits, individual student critiques and collaborative workshops. Stay up to date on all our exhibitions & public programs: <http://arts.unco.edu/art/galleries/> Interested in a tour or class visit? Email galleries@unco.edu to schedule a visit!



Arts for Colorado – Colorado's Voice for Arts & Culture!

Arts for Colorado serves as your eyes, ears, and voice at the Capitol and with policy leaders throughout the state. We advocate for the issues that matter to you and put out the call to action when it's needed most.

Your Arts for Colorado membership provides you with access to advocacy resources and other benefits:

- Email notices to keep you up-to-date on the arts and advocacy in Colorado
- A sense of being a part of your state's arts and culture community
- A chance to meet and connect with fellow art advocates at AFC events throughout the year
- Pride in your investment in the arts and culture
- Supporting strong and effective lobbyists at the state legislature
- Access to advocacy tools and resources on the AFC website

Arts for Colorado invites you to [become a member](#) to sustain and enhance arts and culture throughout the state!

National Happenings



October is National Arts & Humanities Month (NAHM)

A coast-to-coast collective recognition of the importance of culture in America. NAHM was launched by Americans for the Arts 30 years ago as National Arts Week in honor of the twentieth anniversary of the National Endowment for the Arts. In 1993, it was reestablished by Americans for the Arts and national arts partners as a month-long celebration, with goals of:

FOCUSING on the arts at local, state, and national levels; **ENCOURAGING** individuals and organizations to participate in the arts; **ALLOWING** governments and businesses to show their support of the arts; and **RAISING** public awareness about the role the arts and humanities play in our communities and lives. **Get Involved!** Hosting an event is an easy way to celebrate NAHM in your community, like a [Creative Conversation](#), an open house or special performance at a local arts venue, or a [Community Vision Forum](#). Check out our [resources page](#) for event ideas and tools.



National In-Service Conference

As one of the world's largest arts education organizations, the National Association for Music Education is the only association that addresses all aspects of music education. NAfME advocates at every level while providing professional resources for teachers, parents, and administrators. The NAfME National Conference is the only music education conference where you can connect and collaborate with music educators from all over the *world*.

Join us as NAfME returns to Dallas on November 12-17, 2017 to host the 5th annual National In-Service Music Education Conference filled with practical teaching methods, creative techniques, exciting events. [Click here for more information.](#)



Create your ideal professional learning experience at the 2018 NAEA National Convention—March 22-24, in Seattle, Washington—by choosing from **1,000+ sessions, workshops, tours, and events** that will inform, engage, and inspire you! Explore this year's theme of Art + Design = STEAM and join with colleagues to experience Seattle—a city that thrives on

creativity. This is YOUR national professional convention. It's the largest gathering of visual arts educators in the world! Find out more and register [here](#).



The Songwriting Challenge

A national songwriting competition open to high school students who have a passion for writing songs of any musical style that could be part of a musical theater production. The Challenge offers six semi-finalists mentorship

opportunities with professional songwriters and musicians during an intense weekend workshop in New York City in April. At the end of that weekend, the performance of the students' songs by those musicians and singers will be judged by a panel of esteemed musical theater artists as the final competition and webcast live. One of the six will be selected as the national champion and finalists will be awarded scholarships. For additional guidelines, timing, and details please visit our application portal. Students can also find additional video resources to watch and utilize as inspiration when applying. [Click here for more information on how to apply!](#)



A 2020 ACTION AGENDA FOR ADVANCING THE ARTS IN EDUCATION

"The Arts Leading the Way to Student Success: A 2020 Action Agenda for Advancing the Arts in Education" will serve as the blueprint for the collective work of the Arts Education Partnership for the next five years. By addressing the four priority areas highlighted in this [Action Agenda](#), the Partnership will be moving toward the goal that, by the year 2020, every young person in America, at every grade level, will have equitable access to high quality arts learning opportunities, both during the school day and out-of-school time.

NEW REPORTS - Education Commission of the States has four new reports focused on the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA):

- [ESSA: Mapping opportunities for the arts](#)
- [ESSA: Quick guides on top issues](#)
- [ESSA's Well-Rounded Education](#)
- [Collaborative Stakeholder Engagement](#)



EdTA National Conference-Mark your calendar for next year!

The Educational Theatre Association's National Conference is held each year to provide educators with the opportunity to meet and network with their peers during an event featuring a wide range of professional development and keynote speakers.

In 2018, the Conference will explore the profession of the theatre educator, both as teacher and artist. 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](#).



REGISTER NOW FOR THE 19TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Cultivating Equity and Access: Dance Education For All – Sunday, November 12 to Tuesday, November 14, 2017 at the Hyatt Regency San Antonio, TX. The long multicultural history of Texas and the vibrant culture of San Antonio provide a lively setting to discuss, share, and celebrate our successes and to strategize new initiatives that provide equity and access to dance education for all. A typical NDEO National Conference includes three full days of over 150 workshops, master classes, panel and paper presentations, social events and performances. To view the 2017 Conference schedule (*subject to change*), [click here](#). Click here for [Registration Brochure PDF](#) | [Online Registration](#)



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 Leslie Williams at: NHSDA@co-deo.org or visit the NHSDA website today. <http://nhsda.clubexpress.com>

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**

October 23, 2017	CDE Think Tank	
November 2-5, 2017	Colorado Arts Educators Association	http://www.caeaco.org
December 7-9, 2017	Colorado ThesCon 2017	https://cothespians.com/conferences/thescon/
January 24-27, 2018	Colorado Music Educators Conference	http://www.cmeaonline.org/Home.aspx
February 26, 2018	CDE Think Tank	
April 23, 2018	CDE Think Tank	
TBA Soon	Colorado Art Advocacy Day	

Contact:

Hofmeister_j@cde.state.co.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. 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](#)