



COLORADO ACADEMIC STANDARDS

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Visual and Performing Arts e-Update – December 2023/January 2024



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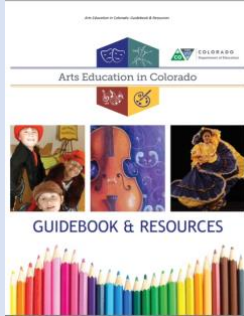
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CDE Announcement: Computer Science Revisions Open for Public Comment

Public comment is now open for the proposed revisions to the Computer Science standards. Residents of Colorado are invited to **provide feedback on the proposed revisions between now and January 5, 2024**. Feedback will be collected through [an online survey](#). If there are questions, please contact Director Samantha Messier at: messier_s@state.cde.co.us

STANDARDS AND INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPORT

Inclusion in the Arts Professional Development Sessions

Coming Soon! The Visual & Performing Arts team is once again partnering with Think 360 Arts to offer unique professional development opportunities that aim to incorporate accessibility and inclusion in the classroom. Each session will be facilitated by Think 360 Arts teaching artists and will utilize arts activities to consider how to better serve a diversity of student populations. Continuation credits will be available to attendees. Registration will open in January 2024. Sessions dates and times are:

• **Saturday, February 24, 2024, from 9am - 12:15pm**
(Metropolitan State University Kalamath Building-Denver)

• **Saturday, April 13, 2024, from 9am - 12:15pm**
(University of Northern Colorado-Greeley)

NEW! CDE's Equity Toolkit

CDE is committed to supporting educators, schools, and districts in the important endeavor of creating quality learning environments and experiences that honor the talents and gifts of all students, so they are prepared to thrive in not only their careers, but at home with their families, as well as in the greater communities. CDE, in partnership with the Western Educational Equity Assistance Center (WEEAC), recently designed an Equity Toolkit to provide user-friendly information and resources to support school and district leaders in centering equity in their work. This toolkit is organized into five sections that encourages the creation of positive and welcoming environments where all students and families feel a sense of belonging. [Click here](#) to learn more and to start using CDE's Equity Toolkit today!

Happy Holidays!

The Visual & Performing Arts Team at CDE would like to wish you and yours a happy, healthy, and prosperous Holiday Season! We appreciate all the dedicated and hard work you do for your students and for arts education every day. May you enjoy relaxing downtime to recharge and have the chance to make many cherished memories with your family and friends. See you in 2024!



COLORADO HAPPENINGS

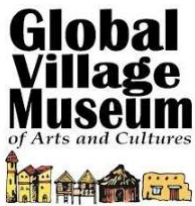


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ARTS
FOR LEARNING

Artists in Schools

Think 360 Arts tailors performances, workshops, and residencies to complement classroom curriculum while engaging students in interactive, fun, and creative activities. [The Artists in the Schools](#) programming is a resource for teachers who are looking for more ways of integrating arts in the classroom, as well as how to book teaching artists at their school. Think 360 Arts houses over 60 teaching artists who engage K-12 students in a multitude of arts disciplines that include performing, visual, and literary arts. The Think 360 staff can also help to craft programming to support STEAM, SEL, and more. [Click here](#) to download the Artists in School one-page flyer. For more information, contact Think 360 Arts Education Director, Alex Oves at: alex@think360arts.org

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Global Village Museum *Fire and Light: Winter Solstice Traditions Exhibit*

December 1, 2023 – January 20, 2024. “The goal of the exhibit is to expand our worldview of global holidays and traditions that are celebrated in Fort Collins,” said curator Sophi Wulff, the Museum’s Administrative Assistant. “The rich cultural diversity of our city provides a great opportunity to explore the ways in which the solstice is acknowledged and observed locally.” In conjunction with the exhibit, *Winter Solstice Traditions and the Scandinavian Christmas* will be presented from 6-7:30 pm Thursday, Dec. 14, by Kristina Feste-Hanson, co-director of the Scandinavian Alliance of Colorado. The program will explore the connections between Nordic mythology and Scandinavian folk traditions and their adaptation and influence into Christmas practices. [Click here](#) for more information and to make a reservation.

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DENVER CENTER FOR THE
PERFORMING ARTS

DCPA *Space Explorers: THE INFINITE*

February 3-May 5, 2024, at the Stanley Marketplace, 2501 Dallas St. in Aurora. The Denver Center for the Performing Arts is blasting off into space! Dazzle your students ages 8+ with the world's most captivating immersive space experience. Journey to the International Space Station where you will have access to never-seen-before 360-degree videos of space. Gain a unique perspective into the daily life of the astronauts, inspired by real NASA missions. [BOOK NOW](#) [LEARN MORE](#)

\$18 Student Matinees are available on these dates: March 5, 6, 8, 28 and April 3, 4, 9



THE ROBERT AND JUDI
NEWMAN
CENTER
UNIVERSITY OF DENVER

Newman Center Presents: Okareka Student Matinee

Explore Contemporary dance from New Zealand with Okareka: Mana Wahine **Monday, March 11, 2024, at 10.15am. Tickets are \$5 per student (\$3 for schools who receive Title I funding).**

The Robert and Judi Newman Center for the Performing Arts Student Matinee series offers students in grades K-12 with an opportunity to learn about incredible artists from around the world. Free digital educational modules created by teaching artists from Think 360 Arts for Learning are available for elementary, middle school, and high school. These short, project-based arts integration units incorporate arts and core standards with social-emotional learning allowing students to learn important context for the show they are attending. [Click here](#) to fill out a survey and to register for the show. Contact Luke Wachter with questions at: Luke.Wachter@du.edu or 303-871-6543

CLYFFORD STILL | MUSEUM

Educational Gallery Experiences, Collaborations & More!

Book your free inStill Gallery Experience! Programs for grades K-12 are available in the Museum and online. Space is still available for March, April, and May. Learn more and book at clyffordstillmuseum.org/instill

CSM is looking for preschool teachers to collaborate with us on our new preschool program. Selected teachers will participate in interactive workshops to develop and test an activity with their students. [Learn more and fill out our interest form.](#)

Join us for an Art & Science Teacher Workshop on Saturday, February 17 from 10:00–1:00. Have you ever said, "I'm not a science person" or heard science educators say they aren't "art people"? This workshop is for you! Join us to uncover concrete ways to develop our artistic and scientific identities to model for students that art and science can coexist, and that life is interdisciplinary. Learn about other upcoming programs and events on [our website](#).

CSU's "Trying on Teaching" Music Education January 20-April 13, 2024



Early Application December 15, 2023, with final deadline January 9, 2024. A program for high school students that cultivates and develops the next generation of excellent music teachers. Join us this spring as an integral part of the Middle School Outreach Ensembles (MSOE) program. With assistance of master teachers and CSU music education students, high school participants will design practicum, implement ideas, and teach within the program, culminating in a final performance at the University Center for the Arts. Registration details are available at: <https://music.colostate.edu/music-education/tot/> For more information contact: Dr. Erik Johnson, MSOE Program Director E.Johnson@colostate.edu or Jessica Warner, MSOE Administrative Assistant Jessica.Warner@colostate.edu



2024 Summer Intensive Registration Now Open

Perry-Mansfield in Steamboat Springs is the oldest continuously operating performing arts school and camp in the country that attracts 250 students (ages 7 through adult professional students) from across the country and showcases over twenty performances each summer. Having gathered the nation's best performing arts faculty, staff and students, Perry-Mansfield is the place where innovation and imagination is expressed in theatre, musical theatre, and dance. Registration for the 2024 summer intensives is now open. **Returning students receive a special discount when registering by December 31, 2023.** [Click here](#) for more information and to register.



Emergent Creativity - Colorado TAB Conference January 13-14, 2024

Registration is now open for a two-day in-person Teaching for Artistic Behavior (TAB) conference at the Denver Art Museum January 13-14, 2024. This year's theme is centered around Emergent Creativity with all levels of TAB experiences welcome. Keynote Speakers will be Kelly Beach and Dale Zalmstra. You won't want to miss it! [Click here](#) for more information and to register.



Registration is Open for the 10th Annual CoDEO Dance Conference

Register for the 10th Annual CoDEO Dance Education Conference **January 27 & 28, 2024**. This year's conference will be held at the Pueblo Convention Center. Dance students, educators, and professionals are welcome! Conference opportunities include workshops, presentations, performances, panel discussions and more. [Click here](#) to register today.

NATIONAL HAPPENINGS



VSA Playwright Discovery Program

Young writers with disabilities (generally, ages 14-19) enrolled in high school are invited to submit a 'ten-minute script'. Entries may be the work of an individual student or a collaboration of two students that includes at least one student with a disability. A panel of theater professionals selects the winners. Writers are encouraged to craft short (10 minute) works from their own experiences and observations through the creation of fictional characters and settings, writing realistically, metaphorically, or abstractly about any topic, including the disability experience. Winners will receive exclusive access to participate in professional development activities provided by the Kennedy Center and will work with industry professionals in further development of their own script, as well as participating in networking opportunities. **Learn more and [apply online](#) by Wednesday, January 10, 2024 at 11:59 pm ET.**



Innovation Collaborative STEAM Professional Development

The Innovation Collaborative is now offering its successful research-based STEAM professional development to teachers, administrators, and schools across the US. This is an opportunity to become an active participant in a dynamic community of learners interested in STEAM best practices. The training is available in-person or online. Created jointly with the Collaborative's national education institutions, this professional development builds on five years of Collaborative research into the most effective practices for bringing STEAM learning to K-12 students of all populations. [Click here](#) to learn more.



Online Professional Development Institute (OPDI)

OPDI offers NDEO members online dance education courses featuring pedagogy, teaching methods, history, assessments, research, and much more. OPDI will benefit the vast majority of dance educators, teaching artists, and administrators who are working in private studios and schools of dance, community and cultural centers, higher education, and K-12 education seeking professional development. The courses are designed to appeal to those professionals who want to learn more, enhance domains of knowledge, learn new content areas, and strengthen their own teaching and learning skills. [Click here](#) for more information.

UPCOMING DATES

2023/2024 Arts Education Events/Conferences

January 13-14, 2024	Colorado TAB Conference
January 24-27, 2024	CMEA Annual Conference
January 27-28, 2024	CoDEO Annual Conference
February 14, 2024	VIRTUAL Arts Think Tank Meeting
April 3-4, 2024	Arts in Education Conference
April 4-6, 2024	NAEA National Convention

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. Please send information to Hofmeister_j@cde.state.co.us **by the 10th of the month** for your news to be included in an edition.