



COLORADO ACADEMIC STANDARDS

All Students All Standards

Visual and Performing Arts e-Update – October/November 2023



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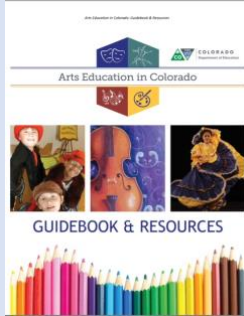
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CDE Announcement: All Eligible School Districts Opt for Healthy Meals for All Program

More than 800,000 students in public schools will have access to free breakfast and lunch under the new Healthy School Meals for All initiative that was adopted by all eligible school districts in Colorado. Colorado students in districts that implement the federal National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs will be served free breakfast and lunch beginning this fall. [Read more.](#)

STANDARDS AND INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPORT

Invitation for Grant Proposals

CDHE and the Colorado OER Council invite proposals for the 2023/24 cycle 6 OER grant. The Colorado OER Grant Program will fund five types of grants with a total allocation of \$1,000,000 for the 2023/24 Cohort 6 grant cycle. The OER grant review team aims to award at least \$500,000 in grant funding to z-degree and collaborative proposals in this cycle. [View the 2023/24 Colorado OER Request for Proposals](#) for full information. **Proposals are due on Monday, December 18, 2023.**

Improve Your Grant Writing Skills

The Student Pathways Unit at CDE is excited to offer an opportunity for you to improve your grant writing skills! Join us for a series of three regional grant development training sessions this fall.

Space is limited, so register at your earliest convenience to secure your spot.

[Register Now](https://tinyurl.com/CDEGrantWriting) (<https://tinyurl.com/CDEGrantWriting>)

Training Details:

- **Duration:** 6 hours, 9 am - 3:30 pm (Lunch and snacks will be provided)
- **Host:** Colorado Department of Education (CDE)
- **Trainer:** Grant Writing Specialist, Annette Sloan

Dates and Locations:

Please mark your calendars for one of the following training dates and locations, all scheduled from 9:00 am to 3:30 pm:

1. November 14, 2023

Location: Edwards Early Learning Center
Address: 1121 Miller Ranch Rd. Edwards, CO 81632

2. November 16, 2023

Location: Thompson School District
Address: 800 S Taft Ave, Loveland, CO 80537

3. December 14, 2023

Location: Lewis Palmer School District Learning Center
Address: 146 Jefferson Street, Monument, CO 80132

Enhance your grant writing skills with this opportunity, regardless of experience level! Please contact Phyllis Reed if you have any questions or need further information:

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COLORADO HAPPENINGS



NEW! Equity in Arts Learning for Colorado Youth Grants

In a bold initiative, Bonfils-Stanton Foundation joins forces with leading philanthropic organizations and Think 360 Arts for Learning to announce "[Equity in Arts Learning for Colorado Youth](#)." This collaborative grant aims to be a catalyst for transformative change in ECE-12 arts education throughout Colorado. Grants of **\$10,000-\$25,000** are available to support projects that bring professional artists and culture bearers into educational settings to lead programming with Colorado youth ages 4-21. Projects supported by EAL will exemplify the value of arts education, encouraging ongoing community support. The application to apply is live on the Think 360 Art for Learning website. Submit an initial Letter of Intent that will be reviewed by a panel of arts education leaders from across the state, which will then be followed by an invitation for full application for selected applicants. [The window for Letters of Intent submissions will close December 1, 2023.](#)

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THE DANCE ARCHIVE
A Dance Resource for All

Dance Lesson Guides Aid Teachers

The Education Committee at [The Dance Archive](#) began a classroom curriculum guide project in 2018 to help Colorado teachers bring the resources of The Dance Archive to their students in the classroom. Today The Dance Archive has curriculum modules and resources based in Colorado Academic Standards for: 4th grade Mexican Folkloric, middle school African Dance Connections to Hip-hop and Tap Dance, middle school Dancing Through Time, a middle school Holocaust Module, and a high school Square Dance guide. The committee continues to find ways to use the archives to support teachers by creating a variety of lessons for all ages and levels of dance students, giving teachers multiple options for their students. If you would like more information or have ideas for new lessons, contact Education Committee Chair Sandra Minton at: mintonsandra4@gmail.com **Participating teachers will receive a stipend.**



Opera Colorado's Programs for Students, Educators & Families

Programing for Opera Colorado's 2023/2024 season includes:

- Student Matinee of Don Giovanni November 9th, 2023, at 10am at the Ellie Caulkins Opera House. [Info is found here.](#)
- Student Dress Rehearsals before each mainstage production. These are held in November, February, and May. [More info for each production is found here.](#)
- Family Day in March of 2024 will feature a special abridged production of Cinderella! [More info found here.](#)
- An array of student and class focused programming including Backstage Workshops, In-School Workshops and Digital Programming. [Check out all offerings online.](#)
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DCPA Free Playwriting Workshops for Middle & High School Students

With all the talk about reels, threads, and Ai, you may be looking for authentic ways to tap into your students' creativity. The Denver Center for the Performing Arts offers **free** 60-minute playwriting workshops for Middle and High School Students. Led by DCPA Education faculty and industry professionals, the workshops seek to nurture young writers, develop new plays, and inspire creativity through playwriting. They include: The Fundamentals of Writing a One Act Play as well as Exploring Character Through Dialogue. You may book up to 5 consecutive workshops in a single day and up to 10 in a week! In-person workshops are available throughout the seven-county metro area and virtual workshops are offered throughout the state. Plus, these workshops are a great precursor to our Playwriting Competition, which culminates in public, staged readings of three winning scripts and cash prizes! Workshops are offered now through December 7, 2023, and students may submit a 10-minute script (Middle School) or one-act play (High School) by December 9, 2023. [LEARN MORE](#) or [REGISTER TODAY](#)

CSU's 2023 Voice Music Major for a Day



Colorado
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University

Monday, October 23, 2023; 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. at the Colorado State University Center for the Arts
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, voice studio, and a class within your degree area (Bachelor of Music in Music Education, Music Therapy, Performance, and Bachelor of Arts in Music.) Have lunch with current students (Please bring \$10/person; parents and chaperones on your own for lunch) Voice lessons with a faculty member are available. Parents are welcome! **Registration is required.** More information is available here: <https://music.colostate.edu/be-a-voice-music-major-for-a-day/>



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ThesCon All-State Opening Number Auditions Due October 15, 2023

The submission window is now open for audition submissions for the All-State Opening Number at this year's annual Thespians Convention! Encourage your musical theatre performers grades 8-12 to submit an audition video for a shot at one of the 15 cast positions for our All-State Opening Number, a highlight of ThesCon's Opening Ceremonies. For more information about the auditions, view the [Opening Number requirements here](#). This is a process for students to complete, directors to support. Deadline for registering for this year's [ThesCon](#) is November 10, 2023.



All-State Dance Ensemble Applications Due November 3, 2023

The Colorado All-State Dance Ensemble features top dance students from across the state who, if chosen, will have the opportunity to work with a featured choreographer and perform with other selected dance students during 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 are chosen through a video audition process. **Audition materials are currently posted on the CoDEO website, with video submissions due November 3, 2023.** [Click here](#) for more information about the process and to access audition materials.



COLORADO ART EDUCATION ASSOCIATION

Art is the Answer! CAEA Fall Conference November 2-4, 2023

Register now for CAEA's fall conference at Beaver Run Resort in beautiful Breckenridge, CO! Over 150 inclusive workshops with this year's Keynote Artist Sean O'Meallie will be included. Participants can also take part in hands-on specialized Advanced Studio Classes for an additional fee. Educators may earn credit through UNC or Adams State. [Click here](#) for more information and to register.

NATIONAL HAPPENINGS



11 Things We Learned About Virtual Learning – A Reflection

From May - August 2023, the [State Education Agency Directors of Arts Education \(SEADAE\)](#) and [Creative Generation](#) collaborated to conduct an organizational reflection process to document and aggregate the strong practices in virtual arts learning uncovered throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. Through this project, the two organizations produced [a reflection](#) to: aggregate learnings from members of SEADAE; synthesize ideas to guide members and respective stakeholders when designing virtual arts learning opportunities, considering technology and virtual integration in the standards review process, and developing standards-based assessments; and identify future inquiries.

ARTS ARE EDUCATION

2023/2024 Arts Education Challenges & Talking Points

All PreK-12 students have the right to a high-quality school-based arts education in dance, media arts, music, theatre, and visual arts taught by certified professional arts educators in community with arts providers. *Challenges and Talking Points* is designed to help prepare arts advocates for discussions about the benefits of arts education. This two-page document is a great add to any arts education advocacy toolkit for promoting quality arts programs in schools. [Click here](#) to learn more.



Back to School Call for Performing Arts Talent

The U.S. Department of Education has developed a Student Performing Arts Initiative (SPAI) and now maintains an ongoing repository of student performing arts talent, which may be matched to specific events that amplify the mission and initiatives of the Department. We have received many talent submissions from far and wide and want to make sure all states and territories are represented! As such, the Department is issuing a 2023-24 Back-to-School call across the United States and its territories for student performing artists who are currently enrolled in institutions of elementary, secondary, or post-secondary education or accredited trade schools, who exemplify resilience, diversity, and excellence and are interested in showcasing their talent, virtually or in-person, at internal and external Department-hosted events. [Click here](#) for more information and to submit.



Connected Arts Network Seeking New Members

CAN is a multi-year grant initiative funded by the **US Dept. of Education** to create nationwide virtual Professional Learning Communities (PLCs) with educators in visual/media arts, music, theater, and dance. The purpose of CAN is to build a sustainable model of professional learning for arts educators in public schools and public charters to strengthen their pedagogy, instruction, and leadership skills in order to better serve students. In Fall 2023, we are recruiting up to 600 arts educators (150 per art form) to serve as PLC participants! These PLCs will meet virtually each month of the school year starting in January 2024 through June 2026 and will focus on professional learning in the areas of equity, diversity, and inclusion; social emotional learning; and teacher leadership through standards-based arts instruction. **Apply now! Deadline to submit an application is October 16, 2023:** <https://www.arteducators.org/promo/can>

UPCOMING DATES

2023/2024 Arts Education Events/Conferences

November 2-4, 2023	CAEA Fall Conference - Breckenridge
December 7-9, 2023	Colorado ThesCon
January 24-27, 2024	CMEA 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.