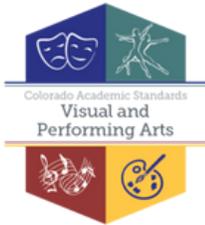


# Arts Education e-Update



**COLORADO**  
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## COLORADO ACADEMIC STANDARDS All Students All Standards



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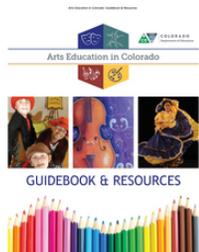
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### CDE QUICK LINKS



[Arts Education Guidebook](#)

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### COLORADO STATE ARTS PARTNERS

[Colorado Creative Industries](#)

[Think 361 Arts](#)

### COLORADO ARTS ASSOCIATIONS

[Colorado Arts Education Association \(CAEA\)](#)

[Colorado Music Educators Association \(CMEA\)](#)

[Colorado State Thespians](#)

[Colorado Dance Education Organization \(CoDEO\)](#)

## News from CDE



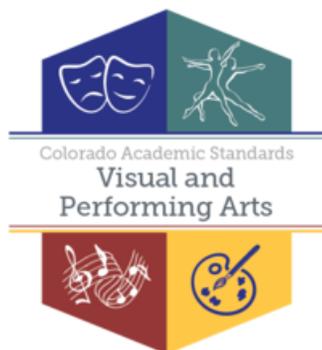
### Meet Tami LoSasso, CDE's New Dance & Drama/Theatre Specialist!

We are thrilled to announce our new content specialist, Tami LoSasso.

Tami has taught theatre for over twenty years. During her tenure at Lakewood High School she was named Colorado Educator of the Year by the Italian American Business Association in 2023, her program was awarded the designation of Outstanding Arts School by Think 360 in 2017, and that same year named an Outstanding School for Theatre Education by the Educational Theatre Association. Tami is a three-time recipient of the Outstanding Direction of a Musical award given by the Denver Center's Bobby G musical theatre education program. In addition to her work in the classroom and on the stage, she held the position of Theatre Coordinator for Jeffco Schools for one year. Currently she serves as the Executive Director for Colorado State Thespians. She has always been passionate about supporting others, and looks forward to future collaborations with educators across the state in her role with CDE.

If you would like to get in touch with Tami about how she can support your dance or drama/theatre programs, or if you would like to send her a welcoming message, she can be reached at [losasso\\_t@cde.state.co.us](mailto:losasso_t@cde.state.co.us).

## News from CDE, continued



### HAPPENING SOON: ARTS WEBINAR

#### Trauma-Informed Practices in the Arts Classroom

Join us virtually on **April 21, 2025** from **1:00–2:30 PM**

The CDE Arts team will be hosting a webinar on the topic of trauma-informed practices. We will focus our conversation on introducing these practices and implementing them in Music, Dance, Drama, and Visual Arts classrooms.

If you are a district arts coordinator, instructional coach, or arts teacher passionate about this topic, we invite you to join us! [Register here.](#)

## Colorado Happenings for Teachers and District Leaders



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#### Nominations Open: The Dance Archive's "Emerging Leader in Dance"

One "Emerging Leader" (individual or organization) is selected and recognized as part of the Legends of Dance event. Emerging leaders will receive a \$1,000 financial award in recognition of their accomplishments to date and continued investment in their future work.

Criteria includes but is not limited to:

- Demonstrated leadership through dedication to and achievement in dance and movement in the state of Colorado
- Developing and/or organizing an existing or emerging dance/movement organization, with a preference for work that demonstrates innovation, experimentation, and access
- Exceptional service and commitment to dance/movement
- Potential for future transformative impact on dance in the state of Colorado
- Demonstrated commitment to diversity, equity, access, and inclusion
- Nominations welcome for individuals and organizations at all stages of life; this award does not have an age range or limit
- Self-nominations accepted. Letters of recommendation (at least 2) required for self-nominations.

[Nominate an "Emerging Leader" here.](#)

## Colorado Happenings for Teachers, continued



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### Registration Now Open: 2025 Institute for Creative Teaching

Think 360 Arts for Learning is hosting the 2025 Institute for Creative Teaching (ICT) at the **University of Northern Colorado** from **June 10th-12<sup>th</sup>**. Programming will be held from **8:00am-3:30pm daily**. This year's Institute will explore the themes of home, belonging, space and place through various disciplines that will nurture your teaching and artistic practices. ICT is open to educators of all subject areas and grade levels.

[Visit the Think 360 website](#) for more information on registration, scholarship details, keynote speakers, and FAQs.



### Education in Motion: Professional Development Seminar for PK-12 Educators

**June 9-12, 2025**

Colorado State University invites Colorado PK-12 educators and administrators to join us in person for presentations, exploration, sharing resources, and expanding our awareness and knowledge of the benefits of movement in the classroom. Guest speakers, university faculty, and education specialists will present the latest research and tools to help you reach more students, offer innovative ways to teach core curriculum, and learn how our state supports our efforts. Offered as a 2-credit course with application and registration through CSU Online.

For more information, and to registration, visit the [CSU Dance website](#).

## National Happenings for Teachers and District Leaders



### Dance/USA National Conference

Registration is now open for the Dance/USA 2025 conference from **June 17-20 in Chicago, IL**. The Palmer House is the host hotel with sessions held at Roosevelt University and the Chicago Cultural Center. Through discussions, presentations, performances, and networking, the conference will address the current dance community, a vibrant future, and how to ensure lasting legacies. Go to the [Dance/USA website](#) for more information and registration.

## Colorado Happenings for Students



### National Art Honor Society Leadership Day

CAEA is hosting the National Art Honor Society (NAHS) Leadership day on **April 25, 2025 from 9am-2pm** at Rocky Mountain College of Art and Design. This event connects Colorado's high school art students with college and university art programs as they prepare for careers in creative industries. Students will participate in workshops and art-making sessions that discuss admissions and art portfolio development. All students 9-12 grades are welcome and do not need to be a member of NAHS to attend.

Visit the [CAEA website](#) for registration and details. Email Lisa Cross at [CAEAART@gmail.com](mailto:CAEAART@gmail.com) with questions.



### Dance Lab: Summer Intensive

**August 3-16, 2025**

CSU Dance Lab is a college preparatory summer program offering immersive study in classical and contemporary dance forms, repertory, theory, and composition. In addition to dance classes and rehearsals, students will attend lectures, develop artist statements, choreograph solos, and present a public performance. Mentored by CSU Dance faculty, renowned guest artists, and current dance majors, attendees expand skills and knowledge while contributing to a collaborative creative process. Beginner through pre-professional level dancers ages 14+ are invited to register for our two-week in-person intensive. To ensure individualized attention, registration is limited to 24 dancers admitted on a first-come first-served basis. For more information and to register, visit the [CDU Dance website here](#).



### Percussion Camp

**June 6-7, 2025, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.** daily, Applications Due **by June 1, 2025**

Percussion Camp for high school students includes instruction on how to successfully prepare and audition to become a collegiate music major. The workshop focuses on the four primary percussion instruments: Mallets (2 and 4 mallet), Timpani, Snare Drum, and Drum Set as well as insight on applications, scholarships, equipment, and skills in being a college student. We will accept committed high school students, ages 14 and older.

For more information and registration, visit the [CSU Music website here](#).

## Happenings for Students, continued

### High School Organ Week Camp



**June 8-13, 2025, Applications Due by June 1, 2025**

Organ Week is designed for high school students interested in expanding (or beginning) their organ study. Led by a faculty of prominent concert and church organists, the program features one-to-one instruction, masterclasses, and recitals on the finest pipe organs in northern Colorado, including CSU's Casavant organ.

For more information, guest artists, and registration visit the [CSU Music website here](#).

### Summer Voice Intensive

**June 9-13, 2025, Applications Due by May 26, 2025**

Spend a week honing your craft on the beautiful CSU campus! Auditioned students will perform a solo in our beautiful Recital Hall. Participants will also take voice lessons with CSU faculty, and participate in workshops, masterclasses, and talkbacks, including Conquering the College Audition.

For more information, and registration, visit the [CSU Music website here](#).

### CSU Jazz Summer Workshop

**June 11-14, 2025 9 a.m.-5 p.m. daily**

Join CSU Jazz Faculty Wil Swindler, Peter Sommer, Shilo Stroman, and more for our third annual CSU Jazz Summer Workshop. The workshop will run from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily, focusing on small-group jazz playing and improvisation. Students will also study jazz history, listening, and theory and attend instrument-specific masterclasses. Full schedule details will be released after registration closes.

For more information, and registration, visit the [CSU Music website here](#).

### Colorado Harp Seminar

**June 15-21, 2025**

Colorado Harp Seminar is a one-week intensive harp program for high school and undergraduate pedal harpists focusing on musician wellness. Directed by faculty member Kathryn Harms at Colorado State University, it is designed to support, nurture, and inspire excellent musicianship and personal growth. Students will have private lessons and participate in harp ensemble, masterclasses, and new workshops for 2025. It culminates in a showcase concert of solo and ensemble music.

For more information, and registration, visit the [CSU Music website here](#).

## Happenings for Students, continued

### Colorado Cello Intensive



**July 27 – August 2, 2025**

The Colorado Cello Intensive is a week-long program designed to maximize technical, musical, and personal growth. With a student-to-faculty ratio of 4:1, the Colorado Cello Intensive (CCI) is dedicated to helping students reach their full potential. We believe in the work hard, play hard mentality and offer students an array of evening possibilities, including hiking, rock climbing, and a trip to Rocky Mountains National Park. Surrounded by the beautiful Rocky Mountains in Fort Collins, Colorado, CCI is the ideal location to develop your playing this summer!

For more information, and registration, visit the [CSU Music website here](#).

### SEND US YOUR HAPPENINGS!

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 [Latva\\_L@cde.state.co.us](mailto:Latva_L@cde.state.co.us) **by the 1<sup>st</sup> day of the month** for your news to be included in an edition.

### FEATURED ARTWORK SUBMISSIONS

Send us a photo of a student artwork or performance to be featured in our eUpdate! Submissions should include **Title, Name of Artist, Grade, Media, School**. One school will be featured in each bi-monthly eUpdate.

Send submissions to [Latva\\_L@cde.state.co.us](mailto:Latva_L@cde.state.co.us) by the 1st of the month.

**SAVE THE DATE**



**Colorado Thespian Educator Conference**

Sept 11-12

Visit the [Colorado Thespian webpage](#) for more information.

