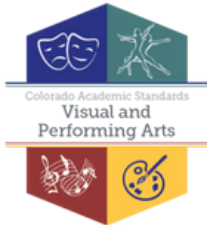


Arts Education e-Update



COLORADO ACADEMIC STANDARDS All Students All Standards



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CDE QUICK LINKS



[Arts Education Guidebook](#)

[CDE Arts Webpage](#)

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 \(CoDEO\)](#)

Arts Education Liaisons Needed!

The CDE Arts team is committed to enhancing arts education through collaboration, communication, and leadership. To support this, we are aiming to establish a dedicated arts liaison in every school district. This key contact will serve as a bridge between CDE and arts educators, representing all disciplines, including visual arts, music, theater, and dance. If your district does not have an arts coordinator, we invite you to step into this role and help strengthen arts education statewide.

Email Lindsay at latva_l@cde.state.co.us if you are interested in being the point-of-contact for your district.

SAVE THE DATE!

The next Arts Think Tank meeting will take place virtually on
February 12th from 12:30-2:00pm.

News from CDE, continued



COLORADO
Department of Education

Spring Distinguished Speaker Series

With the day-to-day stressors of managing Covid receding, new (and not-so-new) pressures on K-12 education are swirling. The Colorado Department of Education is excited to bring back the wildly popular Distinguished Speakers Series to help you be highly effective and inspired in the work you do each day. Continuing this Spring, there is an amazing virtual line up of some of the country's leading voices on what students and educators need NOW to help our schools succeed. Registration is free, but space is limited. Register here: https://coloradoedonline.com/?mc_cid=8bd1de9d77&mc_eid=03c9e55970

Tuesday, February 18, 2025, 3:30-4:30 pm MST

Jennifer Abrams: Having Hard Conversations

Tuesday, February 25, 2025, 3:30-4:30 pm MST

Dr. Monica Burns: Navigating the AI Revolution as Educators

Tuesday, March 4, 2025, 3:30-4:30 pm MST

Jose Luis Navarro: Restorative Practices that Empower, Engage & Build Belonging

Colorado Happenings for Teachers and District Leaders

Dear Colleague Letter from the US Department of Education



The October [Dear Colleague](#) letter from the U.S. Department of Education highlights how federal funding sources—ESSA, IDEA, and Perkins (Career & Technical Education)—can support arts education in schools. Districts across Colorado are already making strides in integrating arts into CTE programs, such as the Design and Multimedia Arts Pathway at Grandview High School in Cherry Creek School District and innovative media arts initiatives in Montezuma-Cortez, JeffCo, and Aurora Public Schools. By leveraging these federal funds, superintendents can enhance access to arts education, foster creativity, and prepare students for 21st-century careers. To explore how your district can benefit from these opportunities, click [HERE](#) for ideas and opportunities.

ESEA/ESSA uses of funds must be for supplemental, evidence-based programs/practices/strategies that align with the comprehensive needs assessment. For additional information regarding the requirements that must be met when using ESEA/ESSA funds, please visit our [Federal Programs and Support Unit website](#), the [ESEA Launchpad](#) or reach out to your [ESEA Regional Contact](#)

Registration for CMEA is OPEN!



Registration for the 2025 CMEA Clinic/Conference is now open. The Conference will be held **January 29-February 1, 2025**. We are excited to offer this year's CMEA Conference, "Cultivating Excellence." Use this webpage for more information and to register for the Conference ([Clinic/Conference Registration | CMEA \(cmeaonline.org\)](https://www.cmeaonline.org)).

Registration for CoDEO is OPEN!



Mark your calendars on **February 1-2, 2025** for the 11th annual Colorado Dance Education Organization conference. Registration is now open at: <https://www.co-deo.org/annual-conference>

Calling All Secondary Orchestra Teachers



We're inviting secondary orchestra teachers in Colorado to participate in a survey focused on teacher characteristics, activities, and motivations. You can find the survey [here](#).



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2025 Institute for Creative Teaching

Mark your calendars for the 2025 Institute for Creative Teaching (ICT)! This year's ICT will be held **June 10-12** at the University of Northern Colorado, with registration opening in early March. Hosted in partnership with Think 360 Arts and UNC's School of Art and Design, ICT offers an engaging, collaborative professional development experience for educators of all subjects. Check out the 2024 recap at <https://think360arts.org/institute-for-creative-teaching-2024-recap/>,

Please email alex@think360arts.org with any questions.

Colorado Happenings for Students

RmCAD

ROCKY MOUNTAIN COLLEGE OF ART + DESIGN

Visiting Artist Series



Poetry Out Loud

RMCAD's 2024/2025 VASD Program Series presents a view into the often-unseen influences that contribute to creating exceptional art and design. Join us for talks from the following artists.

MINDY JOHNSON

February 11, 2025 at 5:30pm

BISA BUTLER

April 8, 2025 at 5:30pm

All artist talks are free and open to the public and are offered in person on RMCAD's campus (1600 Pierce Street, Denver) and via livestream.

Registration is for both in-person attendance and livestream viewing. Pre-event registration is highly encouraged as many events reach capacity.

Additional information can be found here: <https://www.vasd.rmcad.edu/current-vasdp-series#/2024/2025-series>

Poetry Out Loud is a national arts education program that encourages young performers in Colorado to bring the words of great poets to life through memorization, recitation, and competitive performance. The program starts in the school or at the local level. Winners from school and local competitions then advance to state competition and ultimately to the national finals in late April.

Poetry Out Loud grants \$50,000 in awards and school stipends at the National Finals, including a \$20,000 prize for the Poetry Out Loud National Champion.

Registration is open until **January 10, 2025**. Register here: <https://www.empowered-people.com/copoet>.

Local/School Competitions must be completed by **January 31, 2025**.



Trying on Teaching is program for high school students that cultivates and develops the next generation of excellent secondary music teachers. Over a period of nine weeks (**February-April, 2025**), all participants are involved in teaching local middle school students who are members of the MSOE virtual music ensembles. With the assistance of master teachers, undergraduate and graduate music education students design, implement, and teach all aspects of the program, culminating in an online showcase for parents, friends, and community members. Applications due by **January 5, 2025**.

For more information, and application, visit: <https://music.colostate.edu/music-education/tot/>

Happenings for Students, continued



CSU

MUSIC

Second Saturday @ CSU Spur/Musiclab

Trombone Masterclass with Joseph Alessi

Join us for the Spur Music Lab at Spur/National Western Complex in Denver **Saturday, February 8, March 8, April 12, and May 10.**

CSU Spur MusicLab is a free, community-based, and culturally relevant music outreach program that provides music education workshops and performance opportunities for learners of all ages, focusing on beginner and amateur musicianship. The program is open to musicians of all ages and levels, but no previous music experience is required to enjoy this musical community. Each session features a guest artist sponsored by Take Note Colorado.

For more information, visit:
<https://music.colostate.edu/music-lab/>

World-renowned trombonist Joseph Alessi – principal trombonist of the New York Philharmonic and Juilliard Conservatory teacher – is in demand across the globe as a soloist, orchestral member, and teacher. He is the featured soloist with the Fort Collins Symphony on Saturday, Feb. 8, performing the Chick Corea Trombone Concerto.

The masterclass with Mr. Alessi at CSU is open to all age levels, experience, and instruments. It will be held at CSU, University Center for the Arts, 1400 Remington St. Fort Collins, CO. on **Saturday, February 8 from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.**

See more at:
<https://music.colostate.edu/events/masterclass-with-joseph-alessi-trombone-free/>

CSU Trumpet Day

Be A Voice Music Major for a Day

This event, held on **Saturday, March 1, 2025** at CSU, University Center for the Arts, 1400 Remington St. Fort Collins, is designed for trumpet players of all ages and experiences who are looking for an in-person event that inspires their love of music and all things trumpet. Trumpet students, teachers, performers, and band directors in Colorado are invited to attend this annual event hosted by CSU trumpet professor Dr. Stanley Curtis. The event features special guests who will discuss their careers and ideas on trumpet playing.

The Trumpet Day Étude Competition is open to all high school trumpeters with a prize of \$300. Students must submit a recording of their étude with their registration by midnight, **Sunday, Feb. 23.** Up to eight finalists will be accepted to the final live round.

<https://music.colostate.edu/cs-trumpet-day/>

Join us at CSU, University Center for the Arts, 1400 Remington St. Fort Collins on **Monday, March 3, 2025.**

At this event, students will experience a day in the life of a music major in the voice area! The day is an opportunity for high school and transfer students to see what it is like to be a music major at CSU. Participants will:

- Attend a choir rehearsal, opera performance, and a class within a degree area (Bachelor of Music in Music Education, Music Therapy, Performance, or Bachelor of Arts in Music)
- Find out about the music major application and audition process.
- Have lunch with current students (Please bring \$10/person; parents and chaperones on your own for lunch)
- Voice lesson with a faculty member

Parents/guardians are welcome!

See more at: <https://music.colostate.edu/be-a-voice-music-major-for-a-day/>



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 photo will be featured for each bi-monthly eUpdate.

Send submissions to Latva_L@cde.state.co.us by the 10th of the month.

2024-2025 ARTS EDUCATION EVENTS & CONFERENCES

ThesCon
**December 12-14,
2024**

CMEA
January 29-31,
February 1, 2025

CoDEO Annual
Conference
February 1-2, 2025

CDE Performing &
Visual Arts Think Tank
Meeting
**February 12, 2025
12:30-2:00 pm**

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 **by the 10th of the month** for your news to be included in an edition.



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