



COLORADO ACADEMIC STANDARDS

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Visual and Performing Arts e-Update – April/May 2024



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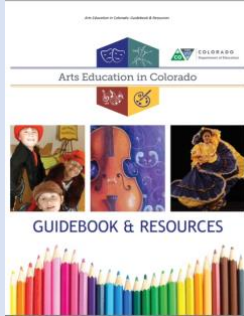
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CDE Announcement: Submit Nominations for Colorado's 2025 Teacher of the Year

The Colorado Department of Education is calling for nominations for Colorado's 2025 Teacher of the Year. This program elevates and celebrates exceptional educators, and the state's 2025 winner will become a nominee for the National Teacher of the Year award. **Deadline for nominations is Tuesday, May 28, 2024.** [Click here](#) to make your nomination now.

STANDARDS AND INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPORT

Register Now! Northeastern CoLab May 2024

Registration is now open for the 2024 Teaching and Learning CoLab that will be held in **Sterling on May 29-30 on the campus of Northeastern Junior College.** Teaching and Learning CoLabs are locally hosted, multi-disciplinary events following a model developed and supported by the Colorado Department of Education. These events are focused on teaching and learning and are designed for collaboration. Each CoLab brings together stakeholders in K-12, higher education, Colorado's professional teaching organizations, and the Colorado Department of Education. CoLabs are co-designed by multiple partner organizations to help shape the event into something meaningful and sustainable for teachers and educators across the state. The schedule allows both elementary and secondary teachers to dig into the following content areas:

- English Language Arts (Reading, Writing, and Communicating)
- Financial Literacy
- Health and Physical Education
- Mathematics
- Science and Computer Science
- Social Studies
- The Arts (Dance, Drama & Theatre Arts, Music, and Visual Arts)

In addition, leaders and instructional coaches can attend sessions or a program strand designed specifically for school leaders.

[Click here to see schedule & to register](#)



COLORADO HAPPENINGS



Register Now! Institute for Creative Teaching (ITC) June 11-13, 2024

Think 360 Arts for Learning, in collaboration with the University of Northern Colorado (UNC), is excited to announce the 2024 Institute for Creative Teaching (ITC). Celebrating its 35th anniversary, this immersive 3-day event at the UNC Greeley campus invites educators, teaching artists, and UNC students to explore the transformative power of storytelling and world-building in education. Scheduled for June 11th – 13th, 2024, participants will engage in hands-on workshops and creative exercises led by experienced teaching artists and practitioners. Sessions aim to focus on trauma-informed practices, culturally responsive teaching, and engagement with diverse learners. Attendees will receive **24 hours of continuing education toward re-licensure**, there's also an option to earn **1 graduate credit hour from UNC**. **Early Bird registration discount ends May 1st, overall deadline to register for ITC is May 24th**. There are also scholarship opportunities. [Click here](#) to register.

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DCPA Catalog of Spring and Summer Theatre Classes

The Denver Center of Performing Arts is proud to offer an extensive catalog of theatre classes for students of all experience levels. Classes are designed to introduce students to the fundamentals of theatre while building confidence on and off the stage. Enrollment for spring and summer sessions is now open and classes begin on a rolling basis starting April 6th. New payment plan options have been added and are available, as well as scholarship opportunities. [Click here](#) for more information and to register.



Orff Schulwerk Levels at MSU Denver in July

Metropolitan State University of Denver is hosting Orff Levels this summer. All three levels will be offered this summer. The dates for the course are Monday through Friday, July 1-5 and July 8-12 from 8:30-4:00pm. Early bird cost (until May 15) is \$950.00 and will be \$1050.00 after that date. Participants can make a partial payment to hold their spot in the course and to hold their spot in the early bird pricing. If you have any questions, reach out to Carla Aguilar at caguil13@msudenver.edu. [Click here](#) to register.



CSU's FREE Education in Motion Summer Seminar June 10-13, 2024

CSU Dance invites Colorado PK-12 teachers and administrators to join in-person presentations, explorations, and resource sharing, while expanding 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 educators reach more students, offer innovative ways to teach core curriculum, and learn how the state of Colorado supports the arts. **This is a FREE seminar, but registration is required.** Continuing education credit is available. [Click here](#) for more information and to register today!



Call for Proposals Opens May 1, 2024

The Colorado Music Educators Association will accept proposals for workshops, clinics, and professional development sessions for the January 29-31, February 1, 2025, Clinic/Conference at the Broadmoor Hotel. Proposals for CMEA Honor Performing Groups and nominations for CMEA Honor Award recipients will also be accepted. [Click here](#) to see the complete timeline and for submission/nomination links.



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Colorado Thespians Outstanding Educator Awards

Colorado Thespians continues to offer recognition to standouts in elementary, middle, and high school theatre programs, as well as honoring the theatrical service members of our community and collegiate level programs. Any current or past educator, or professional involved in support of the educational theatre community who hasn't been honored in the past 5 years AND who does not currently serve on the Colorado Thespians board of directors is eligible. Hall of Fame recipients are individuals who served 20+ years in a theatre classroom and have left or retired from the profession but made a sizable impact on their community and the community at large while serving their role as a theatre educator. Please join us at the Gaylord Rockies for the Colorado Thespians Educator Conference September 12-13, 2024, as we celebrate theatre education in Colorado and work to build a strong future for our profession and our art. [Outstanding Educator nomination window closes May 1st.](#)

NATIONAL HAPPENINGS



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International Thespian Festival Registration Closes May 1, 2024

The 2024 premier teen theatre festival will be held at **Indian University Bloomington June 23-28, 2024**. The International Thespian Festival (ITF) is open to all theatre students and teachers with interactive workshops, performances, and college audition opportunities. ITF is where students will see, think, and do theatre non-stop for a week. **Registration closes May 1, 2024**, so [click here](#) to view the ITF registration guidelines, and get ready to step into the spotlight!



Upcoming Webinar: Teaching Strategies for Hip Hop Educators

NDEO offers a variety of webinars for dance educators to learn from leading experts. Panelists will offer best practices, tips, and strategies related to the webinar topic. Webinars are 1 hour in length and are available **FREE** to members and non-members. **Next up: on April 22, 2024, from 7:30-8:30pm ET** presenter John Barrella will review important lessons every student should be receiving in their Hip Hop dance classes. [Click here](#) to learn more about NDEO's webinar series.

UPCOMING DATES

2024 Arts Education Events/Conferences

June 23-28, 2024	International Thespian Festival
September 12-13, 2024	Colorado Theatre Educator Conference
November 7-9, 2024	CAEA Fall Conference (Workshop proposals due June 1, 2024)
December 12-14, 2024	ThesCon
January 29-31, February 1, 2025	CMEA

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.