



COLORADO ACADEMIC STANDARDS

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Visual and Performing Arts e-Update – August/September 2023



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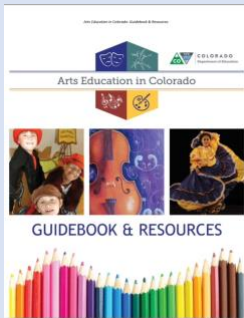
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CDE Announcement: State Board of Education Appoints New Commissioner

On June 14, 2023, the State Board voted unanimously to appoint Susana Córdova as Colorado's new commissioner of education, replacing Dr. Katy Anthes, who announced her resignation this past December. Córdova is the former superintendent of Denver Public Schools and was selected as the sole finalist out of 23 applicants. [Click here](#) to read more.

STANDARDS AND INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPORT

Phase 2 for Standards Review & Revisions

In 2022, the Colorado State Board of Education completed approvals for the revisions of Social Studies and the Visual and Performing Arts standards, with implementation to be concluded in the 2024-25 school year. The second phase of standards to be reviewed and revised will include Computer Science. Based on Board guidance, CDE will be moving forward with minimal revisions to the high school Computer Science standards. **Those interested in applying to participate on the Computer Science Standards Revision Committee should complete an [application](#) by August 31, 2023.** The Colorado Academic Standards in the content areas of English Language Proficiency, Physical Education, and World Languages will remain unchanged until the next revision cycle in six years.

Youth Involvement in the Standards

The Colorado Department of Education is accepting [nominations and applications for Youth Advisors \(ages 14-19\) to the Colorado Academic Standards revision process and regional educator meetings for 2023-25.](#)

The application window is currently open, closing at 11:59 PM on August 25, 2023.

Youth Advisor Eligibility

Youth advisors must be:

- Age 14-19
- Enrolled in and attending or recently graduated from a Tribal or Colorado junior high, middle, or high school, including an online or charter school or approved facility school as defined in section 22-2-402, Colorado Revised Statutes; be participating in a nonpublic, home-based educational program; be participating in a high school equivalency examination program; or have obtained a high school diploma through successful completion of a high school equivalency examination, as defined in section 22-33-102 (8.5).
- Nominations from small rural, rural, and urban districts are encouraged.

Youth advisors to the standards review process serve a two-year term. They may serve more than one term. Commitment and active participation are critical. Most of the standards revision committee work is projected to occur between September 15 and November 17, 2023, and again during March 2024.

COLORADO HAPPENINGS



Greater Denver Wolf Trap | Institute for Early Learning Through the Arts

[Think 360 Arts for Learning](#) is an affiliate of the Wolf Trap Institute for Early Learning Through the Arts. A nationally recognized leader in early childhood arts-based learning, [Wolf Trap Institute](#), a program of Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, partners with early childhood educators to use the performing arts as a teaching strategy to engage children in active learning across curricula. Working through a nationwide network of partners and affiliates, Wolf Trap Institute reaches nearly 100,000 students, teachers, parents, and caregivers each year. For more information contact Elle Hong at elle@think360arts.org.

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Colorado Arts Advocacy Platform Community Input Survey

Please take the [Colorado Arts Advocacy Platform Community Input Survey](#) to share your honest feedback about Colorado's arts, culture and creative industries. This survey is part of a broad community input process, which will inform the creation of a statewide arts advocacy platform. The platform will define priority areas for future arts advocacy efforts. The survey should take no more than 4 minutes. If you have already taken the survey, thank you for your input and please encourage others.



Poetry Out Loud

Every year, thousands of high school English, Drama, Creative Writing, and Speech & Debate teachers integrate Poetry Out Loud into their curriculum using an easy-to-use, standards-based plan that includes a large and diverse poetry anthology. In addition to building confidence and verbal communication skills in teens, Poetry Out Loud (POL) awards \$50,000 in cash and school stipends to participating students through the state and national poetry recitation competitions. A national program of the National Endowment for the Arts and the Poetry Foundation, Poetry Out Loud in Colorado is presented by Colorado Creative Industries. This school year, the POL state finals will take place in March 2024. Students who participate in the state finals are eligible to win cash prizes and an all-expenses paid trip to Washington D.C. to compete in the national championship in May 2024. The NEA provides a [POL Teacher Toolkit](#), which includes posters and lesson materials to get teachers started. www.poetryoutloud.org has additional lesson plans and access to the POL online poetry anthology. If you are interested in participating in the program, please email Ruth Wilson, ruth.wilson@state.co.us for more information.



Now Accepting Applications for Art in a Box

Hello Colorado art teachers! If you teach art in an under-funded school in need of art supplies, please complete our application. Colorado Kids Create Inc. was given a grant from Premier Credit Union and Give Next for the purchase of quality markers and paper for teachers who join the fun of the annual illustration contest. Selection criteria is based on financial need. Art teachers who are selected will receive tailor-made boxes with supplies being delivered directly to their schools. [Click here](#) to apply.



CSU High School Day of Dance September 16, 2023

We want you to experience Dance at CSU firsthand! Join us at the University Center for the Arts on Saturday, Sept. 16 from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. for High School Day of Dance, a special event designed for high school-age dancers and their teachers/coaches. The itinerary includes movement classes, a lunch and learn session with CSU faculty and current students (*lunch included with registration fee of \$5*), informal showings, and teacher workshops. [Click here](#) for more information and to register.



Colorado Thespians Teacher Conference September 22, 2023

The leading professional development conference for Colorado theatre educators is at the Sheraton Denver Downtown on September 22 from 8:30am-5pm. Attendees can receive continuing hours credit and/or university credit through UNC. Don't miss this extraordinary opportunity to network and learn from the best in the state! **Registration closes Monday, September 18 at noon.** [Click here](#) to register.



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Dog Man: The Musical! Live at the Newman Center September 8th

Start your school year off the right way with the Newman Center for the Performing Arts presentation of Dog Man: The Musical! Friday, September 8th at 10:15am. Special student matinee pricing is just \$5 per student, or \$3 for Title I schools. That's up to \$30 off! Register your school today. This new production is based on the worldwide best-selling hit series by Dav Pilkey, Dog Man: The Musical is a hilarious and heartwarming show that follows the chronicles of Dog Man, who has the head of a dog and the body of a policeman. Recommended for ages 6-10. [Click here](#) to register or contact our Associate Director for Educational Initiatives at Luke.Wachter@du.edu.

NATIONAL HAPPENINGS



Conference Registration Deadline is August 31, 2023!

Don't miss this year's national NDEO conference which will be held at the Hyatt Regency Convention Center in downtown Denver September 29-October 1, 2023! NDEO's National Conference, *Teaching is Leading: Embracing Our Impact and Opportunity as Dance Educators*, invites you to explore the diverse ways you lead in the classroom, the studio, your communities, and elsewhere. Join us as we raise respect for the field of dance education. The conference includes three full days of over 200 movement classes, workshops, in-person networking and social events, expert panels, and performances. [Click here](#) to register today!



Back to School with Craft in America

In anticipation of the new school year, Craft in America invites you to explore and share video resources, education guides, and a Family Art Day celebrating the craft of teaching. Our interdisciplinary education guides bring craft to your home or your classroom. Lessons are designed to meet National Standards for Visual Arts education, encouraging the use of critical thinking skills and creative engagement. Teachers can use the guides to lead thoughtful discussions on art and culture or engage students in fun hands-on projects. [Click here](#) to access the education guides.



NEA Musical Theater Songwriting Challenge

The National Endowment for the Arts is pleased to announce that the Musical Theater Songwriting Challenge will return this Fall. Held in partnership with the National Alliance for Musical Theatre, the 2023-2024 program will include even more opportunities for high school students to develop and showcase musical compositions that could be part of a musical theater production. This national contest began in 2016 to nurture the next generation of songwriters across a wide range of musical styles represented in contemporary musicals. Students who submit an original song to the 2023-2024 program will have access to a wealth of web-based resources on exploring storytelling through song, as well as the opportunity to receive constructive critique on their submissions from successful musical theater songwriters. [Click here](#) to read more.

UPCOMING DATES

2023/2024 Arts Education Events/Conferences

September 13-14, 2023	AEP Annual Convening
September 22, 2023	Colorado Thespian Teacher Conference
September 28-30, 2023	EdTA Theatre Education Conference
September 29-October 1, 2023	NDEO National Conference - Denver
October 11, 2023	VIRTUAL Arts Think Tank Meeting
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.