



COLORADO ACADEMIC STANDARDS

All Students All Standards

Visual and Performing Arts e-Update – April/May 2021



COLORADO
Department of Education

CDE Announcement: Standards Pre-Revision Survey Closes at 11:59am on Friday, April 30 – The office of Standards and Instructional Support (SIS) is accepting feedback on the social studies, visual arts, music, dance, and drama & theatre arts standards. The feedback received will assist committee members in their work of making recommendations for revision to the standards. Please provide your feedback by completing the [pre-revision survey](#).

STANDARDS AND INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPORT

Standards Review and Revision Committee Process

CDE recently conducted an open and transparent standards development process by engaging educators, business leaders, representation from higher education and parents in standards development committees. The department solicited committee participation through an online application process for each of the five content areas in Group 1. Applicants were required to demonstrate their content area expertise and willingness to serve. Applications were reviewed using a blind-review process, considering only the applicants' qualifications. Each of the standards development committees chose chair/co-chairs to guide the meetings. CDE content specialists staffed the committees and will meet with the chair/co-chairs to plan future meetings and ensure consistency across committee work plans. All meetings will be open to the public and all meeting notes will be shared with the State Board of Education and posted on the CDE website. Committee members will be expected to participate in all meetings (5-6 will take place) in addition to completing work between meetings. Committee work for Group 1 will commence in May 2021 and conclude in June 2022. [Click here](#) to view the revision committees.

Group 1 Standards Review and Revision Timeline

Status	Steps	Actions	Dates
	1	Stakeholders apply for committee membership.	Application closed Jan. 31, 2021
	2	Public feedback open for all content area standards in this group. Survey available here.	Survey closes April 30, 2021
	3	Committees finalized.	March 31, 2021
	4	Research and benchmark report completed.	August 2021
	5	Committee meetings take place. For the exact date and time of each content area meeting, visit the content area's committee webpage.	May, June, August and October of 2021
	6	Public feedback open for committee's recommendations.	November 2021
	7	Committee meetings.	January or February and March 2022
	8	State Board of Education adopts revised standards.	By June 2022



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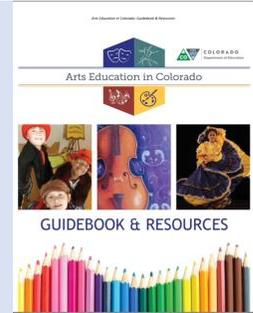
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COLORADO HAPPENINGS



Teacher Professional Development

Think 360 Arts offers training and professional development for classroom teachers, arts specialists, administrators, and cultural organizations. We assist leaders in exploring ways to create, support, and sustain educational environments that foster creativity, innovation, student engagement, and social emotional wellness.

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Coalition

Keep Colorado Creative Campaign

The Colorado Arts Education Coalition (CAEC) is an organization where members from Colorado's four arts content areas meet to collaborate, share, support, and advance arts education throughout the state. This network of arts educators is additionally assisted by nonprofit, community, and civic arts education support organizations, that lead a grassroots movement to engage the arts and the broader community in understanding and supporting arts education for all Colorado students.

CAEC is leading a public awareness campaign entitled, "Keep Colorado Creative" to promote the inclusion and maintenance of arts education funding in our public school. Follow CAEC on social media: [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) or [Twitter](#) and post your own story of how arts education changed your life.



Colorado
State
University

Education in Motion: FREE Online Professional Development Seminar

Colorado State University invites Colorado pK-12 teachers and administrators to join them **June 7-10, 2021 daily from 9am-4:30pm** for online presentations, explorations, sharing of resources, and 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 reach more students, offer innovative ways to teach core curriculum, and learn about how the state is supporting arts integrated education. The cost is FREE, but registration is required. [Click here](#) for more information and to register.



Colorado Art Education Association Online Webinar Series

Make art for your own sake and to help with curricular ideas for your students! Workshops will air on their scheduled dates, then will be archived for you to access any time you like in the future through the CAEA website. You can view the workshops as they are scheduled or view them later at your convenience. Participate in 15 hours of workshops and get a certificate of 15 hours continuing education credit for recertification. Or you can register to get one hour of graduate credit through Adams State University. More information [HERE](#).

CAEA Summa' Lovin' Conference

Saturday May 15th, 2021 at Arapahoe Community College. Art Making for US. Mono-printing, 'Grandscape', Oil Pastels, Ceramics, Jewelry, and more! **Masks are required during class.** Class sizes are LIMITED so SIGN UP FAST!

- ACC College Credit Available
- Conference begins at 8 AM and ends at 3 PM
- Get your first choice of classes unless otherwise notified.
- Bring water & necessary materials for your class.
- Breakfast and Lunch provided. More information and Registration [HERE](#).

CAEA Fall Conference “BE the SPARK” November 4-6, 2021

The CAEA conference for 2021 will be **face to face in Breckenridge**. We will examine how we ignite creative experiences through inquiry, how we navigate the formation of relationships with our students as artistic accomplices and how we use artistic practices to make connections to the world around us. We will explore best practices that ignite and empower our students to create art in response to their creative experiences as we shift our focus from being an “outcome designer” to becoming a “curiosity cultivator”.

Now accepting [presentation proposals](#) - deadline **June 1st, 2021**.

ARTSOURCE **Art Source Summer Residency** COLORADO **June 13th-18th, 2021 University of Northern Colorado Campus, Greeley**

Art As Instrument with Melanie Yazzie. What is the purpose of your art? Do your compositions whisper in your viewer’s ear, or shout in their face? Does your art make a statement, or take a stand? Come spend a week with ArtSource and guest presenters to explore ways to infuse your artworks with meaning, use them to send a message, or just bring a little humor and joy into the world. You have your instrument, now let’s fine-tune it!” Art Source Summer Institute is a 5-day intensive cohort of 20 - 24 people. The small group allows for deep investigation of themes as well as an opportunity to get to know each other differently than in our day-to-day work as Art Educators. Scholarships are available based on need. More information and registration [HERE](#).

NATIONAL HAPPENINGS



**AMERICAN
THEATRE
WING**

2021 Musical Theatre Songwriting Challenge

The American Theatre Wing, in partnership with the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) recently opened applications for the [2021 Musical Theater Songwriting Challenge](#). This program is a national contest for **high school students** (grades 9-12) with a passion for writing songs and telling stories through music that could be part of a musical theater production. Students across the nation compose songs for the chance to be a selected recipient to showcase their original material, receive mentorship from industry professionals through workshops, which culminates in a studio recording by professional Broadway performers and musicians. [Click here](#) for more information about the challenge. The deadline for this competition is **Monday May 17th, 2021**. [Click here to apply](#).



**EDUCATIONAL
THEATRE
ASSOCIATION**

EdTA National Virtual Conference September 24-26, 2021 **Renew. Rebuild. Reimagine.**

You’re about to embark on the 2021-2022 school year. Your creativity, resilience, and innovative thinking grew stronger by living through adversity in 2020-2021. Let’s explore the valuable lessons coming out of a universally tough year and channel your experiences into relevant classroom sessions for your students. Join other passionate educators just like yourself at the 2021 EdTA National Conference. This all-virtual conference format is affordable, easy to access, and flexible. You’ll gain wisdom to share with your students on topics from the social justice movement to living inside a worldwide pandemic. You and like-minded attendees will envision a new future for school theatre and begin rebuilding your programs in collaborative workshops! Registration opens late April 2021. [Click here](#) for more information.



23rd NDEO Virtual Conference October 7-10, 2021

The last year has irrevocably changed the landscape of dance education. While the pandemic has challenged the ability to teach dance in familiar ways, we remain certain that dance education is essential to students' physical, social, cognitive, and emotional health. As dance educators, we must not only continue to deliver the highest quality dance education under challenging conditions, but also stand up for our students and the value that dance education adds to their lives. The 2021 NDEO Virtual National Conference, with the theme of **Telling Our Stories: The Essentiality of Dance Education in Changing Times**, will highlight the need to advocate for our field in these financially and socially difficult times. We will gather to explore stories of the power of dance education, how we tell those stories, who tells them, and how those stories have been shaped and changed over the last year. [Click here](#) for more information and early registration.

ARTS ARE EDUCATION National Arts Education Campaign

The Arts ARE Education campaign was inspired by [Arts Education is Essential](#), a one-page statement authored by [NCCAS](#) in April 2020 that articulates the value of arts education as part of the well-rounded education for all students. After a year like no other in education, school districts and state legislatures across the nation are preparing for the 2021-2022 school year facing budget shortfalls, [click here](#) to learn more and how you can get involved.

UPCOMING DATES

2020/2021 Arts Education Events/Conferences

September 10, 2021	CO Thespian Teacher Conference	https://cothespians.com/conferences/teachers/
September 24-26, 2021	EdTA Virtual Conference	https://www.schooltheatre.org/conference/home
October 7-10, 2021	NDEO Virtual Conference	www.ndeo.org
November 4-6, 2021	CAEA Face to Face Conference	https://caea.wildapricot.org
December 2-4, 2021	ThesCon 2021	https://cothespians.com



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** to be included in an edition.