



COLORADO ACADEMIC STANDARDS

All Students All Standards

Visual and Performing Arts e-Update – August/September 2020



COLORADO
Department of Education

CDE Announcement: [Reopening Schools: Health Guidance by COVID-19 Phase](#) – CDPHE, CDE and the Governor’s Office worked together to develop this guidance for Local Public Health agencies (LPHAs) and districts as they develop school plans. The guidance has been drafted in light of evolving scientific knowledge about the spread of COVID-19 among children and in schools, as well as real-world disease control knowledge acquired through months of experience at the state and local level. [Click here for more information.](#)

STANDARDS AND INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPORT

High Impact Instruction in Diverse Learning Settings

When CDE describes best, first instruction, it is assumed that instruction is occurring in a traditional environment: teachers and students gather together in a classroom, working in small groups, large groups, and individually, and that there are no safety risks posed by having people in close proximity of each other or touching shared objects. Due to the COVID-19, we can no longer assume that this traditional environment is possible or preferable under the current circumstances. Districts and schools have had to consider other options. For educators, this has created challenging teaching conditions- not only is teaching under these non-traditional settings challenging compared to the classroom environments teachers are accustomed to, but the uncertainty of the moment makes long-term planning and preparation especially difficult. The purpose of these documents is to provide some guidance for each of the content areas addressed by the Colorado Academic Standards. [Click here for additional content areas.](#)

[Dance/Drama Theatre](#)

[Music](#)

[Visual Arts](#)



Right now, we are in **Level 2: Safer at Home and in the Vast, Great Outdoors**. Colorado has slowed the spread of COVID-19 through Stay-at-Home and Safer at Home orders, and we must keep it up. Much of Colorado is now open with restrictions to prevent the spread of COVID-19 and protect those at highest risk. Please continue to support your local **arts organizations**, many of which **are open** with enhanced safety measures and with new, creative programming! Many are even better than

before! Call or check their websites before you go as many have reserved times set aside for a personalized experience. So, come on Colorado, let’s continue to support the Arts, just remember to wash your hands and wear your mask.



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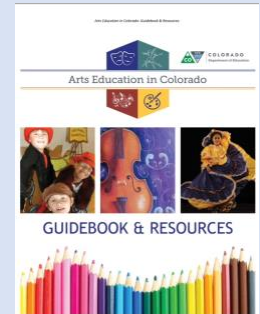
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CDE Quick Links

[Arts Education Guidebook](#)



[CDE Arts Webpage](#)

Colorado State Arts Partners

[Colorado Creative Industries](#)

[Think 360 Arts](#)

Colorado Arts Associations

[Colorado Arts Education Association](#)

[Colorado Music Educators Association](#)

[Colorado Association for Music Curriculum and Instruction](#)

[Colorado State Thespians](#)

[Colorado Dance Education Organization](#)

COLORADO HAPPENINGS



Think 360 Arts Workshops, Residencies & Teaching Artist TV

Think 360 Arts is here to help teachers enhance student engagement and bring social and emotional learning (SEL) opportunities to digital classrooms. Our teaching artists can provide:

- Synchronous Learning in Classrooms - Workshops and Residencies
- Asynchronous Learning such as [Teaching Artist TV](#)
- Teacher Professional Development
- Family Engagement through Virtual Assembly Performances or Live Parking Lot Performances

All programs are customizable, and subsidies are available statewide and for Title I schools. [Visit our website to book a program.](#) Also, If you've utilized Think 360 Teaching Artist TV, please help us refine and expand this resource by [taking a brief survey](#). Thank you!



Decorate the US Capitol Christmas Tree!

This year Colorado is providing the Christmas trees for the United States Capitol complex. The Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison National Forests (GMUG) need your help in making 10,000 ornaments to decorate the U.S. Capitol Christmas Tree for the U.S. Capitol and up to 70 companion trees. Below are the criteria for large and small ornaments. All ornaments must be packed and mailed or delivered to the Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison National Forests by **September 1, 2020**. More info here: <https://www.uscapitolchristmastree.com/>



2020 Colorado Thespians Teacher Conference Cancelled

Thank you to the educators who participated in our survey regarding the Colorado State Theatre Educator Conference that appeared in our previous newsletter. With that feedback in mind, **Colorado Thespians has decided to cancel this year's annual September event.**

2020 Virtual Thescon Conference December 10-12

Colorado Thespians needs your support now more than ever! Without participation in our 2020 virtual conference, we will not have the funds available to support a return to "normal" in 2021, as conditions allow. This is our heartfelt plea to theatre educators in Colorado: please encourage your students to attend the virtual conference, talk up the experience as once-in-a-lifetime, and make it a fun event for them to look forward to. We are nothing without our members, and we're hoping you will see the importance of participation in this virtual conference not only for the well-being of students this year, but for the well-being of the organization for years to come. [Click here for more information.](#)



Colorado Art Education Association Cancels Annual Conference

Due to the Pandemic, the Colorado Art Education Association Annual Conference has been canceled for this year. However, leaders are working on other ideas to support art educators and their students. Check the [website](#) for updates as they happen.



Update from CMEA

As of July 1, 2020, the decision of the CMEA Board is to move forward with the planning of an in-person conference in January. We appreciate your patience as we navigate these uncertain and continuously changing times. With the shifting landscape of our current health crisis, the CMEA Board of Directors is actively monitoring important health recommendations by the CDC and local authorities. The board is also closely monitoring how schools are reopening across the state, travel restrictions, and the impacts budget reductions might have on districts and schools this coming school year. The board will also look closely at clinic session proposals, performance submissions, and early conference registration data and [a final decision will be announced before October 15th of the format of the 2021 CMEA Conference.](#)

AMERICAN MUSEUM OF WESTERN ART

THE ANSCHUTZ COLLECTION

Now Offering Free Custom Virtual Tours

In accordance with the new social distancing guidelines for classrooms and online learning environments, AMWA will now be offering free custom virtual tours. [Click here for more details.](#) Also, AMWA has a wide range of lesson plans available [on their website.](#) To make their collection more accessible in the classroom environment, they have broken down their collection into three categories People, Places, and Stories. Each category includes lesson and activity ideas.

NATIONAL HAPPENINGS



AEP Virtual Gathering

We invite you to join us — and your arts and education colleagues — for the 2020 AEP Virtual Gathering on **Sept. 9, 11, 15 and 17** to gain knowledge and tools for advancing your work and to build broader and stronger connections in the arts education community. AEP believes that all learners receive an excellent arts education when leaders from across arts disciplines and the broad education policy field learn and work together. Through exploring the latest research, innovative practices and emerging policy approaches, this year's AEP Virtual Gathering will provide opportunities for arts and education leaders to build their leadership capacity. [Click here for more information.](#)



Constructing an Anti-Racist Agenda

The National Art Education Association has published an Open Letter to Art Educators on [Constructing an Anti-Racist Agenda.](#) The NAEA is more committed than ever to be unceasing in their efforts to illuminate the necessity of greater equity, diversity, and inclusion. For some, the purpose of the arts is to render beautiful forms. For others, the purpose of the arts is to communicate life-affirming personal and cultural information. For others, the purpose of the arts is to ask questions and instigate urgent transformation. For still others, the purpose of the arts is improvisation — generating inventions, expressions, and questions that lead to new social innovation. This is why there will never be a single definition of art — art has always been a set of diverse making practices, interconnected to produce a wide spectrum of outcomes and byproducts that render us ever more human and communal. More resources can be found on the [NAEA website.](#)



NDEO Annual Virtual Conference October 23-25, 2020

NDEO is committed to making the 2020 NDEO Virtual Conference accessible to as many people as possible. In addition to our Regular Registration fee, we are offering several discounted rates. **Discounted rates are available through September 9, 2020.** All registration options are for the full conference and open to all members; there are no one-day or student registration rates. Discounted rates are not available to non-members. All registration rates bestow the same full conference access to the registrant. **Final Registration Deadline: October 14, 2020.** [Click here to register.](#)



National Theatre Teacher Virtual Conference September 12-13, 2020

Join educators from across the country at the 2020 EdTA National Educator Conference. Held virtually this year, **the conference is free to all current EdTA adult members -- that includes troupe directors, professional members, and pre-professional members, and can be accessed at schooltheatre.org.** The conference will take place **Saturday, September 12 and Sunday, September 13**, with extended access to workshops beyond this weekend. The conference will feature a few links with features that are uniquely Colorado: the 2020 Awards Ceremony, resources in our state for teaching in the time of Covid-19, and details on ThesCon 2020. Thanks to the conference organizers at the Educational Theatre Association for this partnership.



Arts Competition for Youth

Now [Accepting Applications](#) Open to eligible emerging artists ages 15-18 or in grades 10-12, the 2021 National YoungArts Competition — created by the National YoungArts Foundation — is an application-based award to recognize youth excellence and potential in visual, literary and performing arts. Winners receive cash prizes, participation in YoungArts Week, mentorship and more. **Deadline: Oct. 16!**

UPCOMING DATES

2020/2021 Arts Education Events/Conferences

September 12-13, 2020	National Theatre Teacher Virtual Conference	schooltheatre.org
October 19, 2020	Virtual Think Tank Meeting	
October 23-25, 2020	NDEO Virtual Annual Conference	www.ndeo.org
December 10-12, 2020	Virtual ThesCon	www.cothespians.com
January 27-30, 2021	CMEA Conference	www.cmeaonline.org
February 22, 2021	Virtual Think Tank Meeting	
April 19, 2021	Virtual Think Tank Meeting	

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.