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Discover highlights of state arts education policies including a NEW category in arts and STEAM diploma seals.

Now Available: Update to Premier Arts Education Policy Resource

AEP released the **2021 ArtScan at a Glance** this week. Part of ArtScan, this resource summarizes current state policies for arts education identified in statute or administrative code for all 50 states and the District of Columbia. Explore the complete results from this review through the online searchable database on the **AEP website**.

SAVE THE DATE!

AEP Partner Webinar MAY 12 | 2:00 - 3:30 P.M. ET

Add AEP's Upcoming Partner Webinar to the Calendar!

Join the Arts Education Partnership for our quarterly partner webinar series. Designed to increase engagement and knowledge-sharing, each webinar will include what's new with AEP as well as opportunities for you to highlight your organization's work and connect with one another in breakout sessions. We welcome all AEP partners and affiliates working at various levels of the arts education ecosystem. We hope you can join to connect with your colleagues!

Contact AEP Project Manager **Krystal Johnson** with any questions, and please spread the word to your networks. More information on the partners that will be sharing and a link to register will be shared in the coming weeks.



New Arts Integration Blog Post Shares Collaborative Work Behind Policy Change

AEP recently published the higher education working group's next installment in the bi-monthly arts integration blog series. In "A Long Game Leads to Arts Education Policy Change," working group member Eric Engdahl unpacks the collaborative work behind a California education policy change involving arts integration in teacher preparation programs.

News From Our Partners and Affiliates

American Rescue Plan's
Education Aid Supports Summer
Learning Recovery
Programming



The U.S. Department of Education released a statement from U.S. Secretary of Education Miguel Cardona regarding the American Rescue Plan's coronavirus relief aid for K-12 schools and higher education. The \$170 billion in aid allocated for education includes funding to state and local education agencies for learning recovery strategies, including afterschool and summer enrichment programs.

AEP partner Afterschool Alliance recently shared guidance for 2021 summer enrichment programs, and education policy experts offered this summer learning recovery strategy plan to help state and local education agencies plan for the months ahead.

Upcoming Conference Explores Intersectionality, Disability and Arts Education

The Berklee Institute for Arts Education and Special Needs has partnered with Creative Generation to host the 2021 ABLE Assembly: Arts Better the Lives of Everyone conference on **April 10-11**, **noon-5:30 p.m. EDT.** Open to the public, the conference will be held virtually this year and will bring together educators, artists, researchers, policymakers, school administrators, program administrators and students to share best practices, explore new research and learn from each other. **Register** by **April 5** to attend!

National Student Songwriters Competition Open for Submissions

The National Association for Music Education is now accepting submissions for its **2021 Student Songwriters Competition**. Open to eligible K-12 students who are sponsored by NAfME member teachers, these songwriters may submit original student songs for consideration. Judges will select up to 6 winning composers who will receive cash prizes and potential participation in a virtual concert and a composer round table discussion. **Deadline: April 9.**

Arts Internships Available for Baltimore High School

Seniors

Rising Baltimore high school seniors can now apply to participate in **Young Audiences Bloomberg Arts Internship program**. The college and career development program will select up to 25 students for seven-week, full-time paid internships at Baltimore-based arts and cultural venues. The 2021 program will combine virtual professional development and in-person trips and experiences. **Deadline to apply: April 9.**

News From The Field



Renowned Scientific Research Center Announces Winner for Artist Residency Program

CERN — the European Center for Nuclear Research — and the city of Barcelona, Spain, announced that Philadelphia-based artist collective Black Quantum Futurism has won the Arts-CERN Collide residency award.

The three-month residency will allow artists
Camae Ayewa and Rasheedah Phillips to engage
with the scientists and collaborators at CERN and
in Barcelona to pursue their multidisciplinary work
on the intersections of futurism, creative media,
DIY-aesthetics and activism in marginalized
communities through an alternative temporal
lens.

Outdoor Arts Education Program Now Accepting Applications

Signal Fire — a creative arts and environment organization based in Portland, Oregon — is accepting applications for its Wide Open Studios arts and

ecology field institute. The summer programming is open to eligible college students, emerging artists and others seeking an immersive and transformative arts education. Those selected to attend will explore visual art, writing and performance in the wilderness, and the curriculum for each course will center on the natural and cultural histories of the sites visited and the possibilities of making art in — and in response to — wild places. **Deadline: April 15.**

STEM-Based Dance Program Offers Summer Learning Opportunity for Girls

Girls Rise Up, a STEM from Dance initiative, is currently accepting applications for its summer programs. Held July 5-7, the program offers three learning options for girls 10-18 years old and will teach coding, dance and teamwork and culminates in a cross-disciplinary performance. The program makes admission decisions on a rolling basis, so students should apply early! Final application deadline: April 18.

Connecticut-Based Summer Youth Arts Intensive Program Accepting Applications

The Norwalk Conservatory of the Arts is accepting applications for its summer intensive program in New York from June 23-July 10. The program will select 15 high school sophomores and juniors in each program (Musical Theatre, MT Dance and Television/Film Performance). Accepted students will receive free tuition and housing. Learn more about the program details and apply today!

Convenings

- Americans for the Arts National Arts Action Summit
 Americans for the Arts, April 5-9, Virtual Event
- Lincoln Center Activate's "In Conversation: Anna Deavere Smith and Dr. Christopher Emdin"
 - Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts, April 6, Virtual Event
- Theatre Educator Pro "Active Empathy" and "Soul Stomping —
 Experiencing the Influence of African Dance on Broadway" Live Webinars
 Educational Theatre Association, April 13 and 29, Virtual Event

- "Making the Case for Theatre Education: As a Practice" Workshop
 American Alliance for Theatre and Education, May 12, Virtual Event
- 2021 International Thespian Festival
 International Thespian Society, June 22-25, Virtual Event

Career Opportunities

- Director of Arts and Culture | Worcester County Developmental Center, Newark, Maryland
- Education Program Officer | William and Flora Hewlett Foundation, Menlo Park,
 California
- Executive Assistant | American Ballet Theatre, New York, New York
- Engagement and Education Coordinator | Little Island, New York, New York
- Media Arts Instructor | Northeast Community College, Norfolk, Nebraska
- Instructor of Art Education | University of South Carolina, Spartanburg, South Carolina

QArtsEdSearch

#ArtsEdSearch: Researchers found that a community-engaged #Arts program contributed to a positive identity shift for participating seniors from vulnerable and isolated to collaborators that were part of an artistic community.

http://ow.ly/rxKN50EbskQ | #ArtsEd #CommunityArts

Have news to share?

Please submit a 100-word summary to **gmiddleton@ecs.org**.

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