



## 2019 Arts Education Partnership Annual Convening

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## STEAM Education at the 2019 AEP Annual Convening

Interested in learning more from arts education research and work in the field related to arts integration and the impact of STEAM education on student and workforce success? **Join us Sept. 11-12 for our premier event**, which includes a look at these topics and more!

The STEAM as a Strategy for Engaging Communities morning plenary will kick off day one and explore ways to prepare students for future careers and connect with communities across sectors. The Systemically STEAM: Tips for Building a STEAM Ecosystem concurrent session taking place on day two will provide the opportunity to learn how to coordinate efforts and collaborate to enhance STEAM learning.

**The Aug. 11 early-bird deadline is fast approaching, so register today!**



## New Blog Post: AEP: Linking Practice With Policy to Integrate the Arts

In this **month's President's Post** on Education Commission of the States' Ed Note blog, Jeremy Anderson shares more about AEP's past and future work in supporting access to high-quality arts education for students across the country, including a look at its recent work in STEAM and school choice.



## NEWS FROM OUR PARTNERS



## Six High School Students Named as 2019 Musical Theater Songwriting Challenge Winners

The National Endowment for the Arts — in partnership with the American Theatre Wing — announced four individual students and one duo as regional finalists for **this annual competition** that provides winning students with the opportunity to work with professional musical theatre artists to further develop their original songs. The six winners will go on to work with a professional coaching team before advancing to the national finals.

## Registration Open: Free Upcoming Webinar Series to Explore Creative Youth Development

A **three-part webinar series** from the Creative Youth Development National Partnership and Grantmakers for Education — hosted by the National Guild for Community Arts Education — will explore a variety of topics related to supporting youth development through creative opportunities. Webinar topics include youth agency, program trends and social justice work; and the first webinar in the series will take place at 1 p.m. EDT July 30.

Related AEP Resource: **Creative Youth Development: Transforming the Learning Environment**

## Grant to Help Expand Theatre Education in Los Angeles Charter Schools

iLead Charter Schools will use the **Arts Advancement grant** — awarded by Los Angeles County Arts Education Collective — to bring its theatre program to additional schools in LA and expand programming in its Santa Clarita Valley International Charter School. Funds will help support drama and theatre professional development for teachers and offset fees for teaching artists.

Related AEP Resource: **The Arts in Schools of Choice**



### Workshop Program Helps Prepare Hawaii Teenagers for the Theatre Industry

The **no-cost Aloha Teen Theatre program** — which takes place during the school year — provides students with the opportunity to perform a musical and helps them to develop real-world skills and increase their confidence. Students participating in the program work together to select the show they will perform.

## Festival Provides South Dakota Youths With Access to Music Education

The 2019 Chamber Music Festival in Black Hills, South Dakota, provides a variety of **music education programming for youths** across ages to engage in, including Musical Story Times that combine art, music and stories; interactive children's concerts; and musical instrument instruction. The festival also offers classes, which feature instruction from professional musicians and support with college applications and scholarships, for teenagers who are interested in a musical career.

## Learning Academy Engages STEAM Education in Early Childhood

The Ready, Set, Grow Learning Academy — a **STEAM-focused early learning and child care center** — provides youths in Memphis with activities to engage in arts learning and build a foundation across academic disciplines. The academy offers a variety of pre-K programming, including dance instruction and arts lessons to support sensory development.

Related Education Commission of the States Resource: **Supporting STEM Education From Preschool to Workforce**



- **REGISTER NOW! 2019 AEP Annual Convening**  
Arts Education Partnership, Sept. 11-12, Alexandria, Va.
- **Lincoln Center Education – 2019 Summer Forum**

Lincoln Center Education, July 8-26, New York, N.Y.

- **2019 AATE National Conference**  
American Alliance for Theatre & Education, Aug. 1-5, New York, N.Y.
- **NASAA 2019 Leadership Institute**  
National Assembly of State Arts Agencies, Sept. 18-20, Providence, R.I.
- **EdTA 2019 National Conference**  
Educational Theatre Association, Sept. 19-22, Brooklyn, N.Y.

If you are an AEP partner and would like to feature an upcoming event, please visit the **AEP Partner Calendar** page.



## CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

- **Executive Director**, American Youth Policy Foundation, Washington, D.C.
- **Director of Development**, FirstWorks, Providence, R.I.

### ArtsEdSearch



Findings from a study examining the sight-singing ability of second-grade students show a robust association between reading comprehension and notation-singing achievement. **More**

#ArtsEdSearch: Study findings show a robust association between the reading comprehension & notation-singing achievement of elementary students.  
<https://bit.ly/2JYfS30> | ArtsEd #MusicEd #ArtsIntegration

### ArtScan

Thirty-nine states have early childhood arts education standards and require schools or districts to provide or offer arts instruction at the elementary, middle and high school levels.

*Explore arts education policies in your state using **ArtScan**.*

### Featured Resource

#### **Engaging the Arts in the Broader Education Policy Landscape**

This **Education Trends report** explores education policy areas where arts in education leaders and stakeholders can expand opportunities to engage the arts in policy solutions and includes examples of how states are currently using the arts in education to support their policy efforts.

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