New Release: Preparing Students for Learning, Work and Life Through STEAM Education

AEP and Education Commission of the States recently convened leaders from across the arts and education fields for a Thinkers Meeting, where participants explored how STEAM education can help students succeed in and out of school. Continuing AEP’s work in this issue area, this new Policy Brief shares their insights that look beyond existing state policies and examine new pathways to guide future practice, research and policy work to support access to STEAM education for all students.

Learn more about state policies and practices that can help states to advance STEAM education and increase student participation in this Policy Brief.

The 2019 AEP Annual Convening Is One Week Away

AEP is heading to Alexandria, Virginia, next week for our premier event, and we look forward to seeing you there! This year’s event includes two days of engaging plenary discussions and informative concurrent sessions that look at timely topics and policies related to the arts in education. View the complete agenda here.

Be sure to join and follow the conversation online with #AEPAC19. Following the event, we will share session resources and videos on AEP’s website.

Mark Your Calendars: National Arts in Education Week Is Sept. 8-14

This annual celebration recognizes the transformative power of the arts in education and its impact on the success of all students. During the week, individuals, organizations, communities and more will host and participate in events and conversations to bring awareness to the contributions of the
New Grant to Help Engage Students in Music Production

The J Dilla Music Tech Grant — a multi-year grant program launched by Save the Music and MTV and developed in partnership with Arizona State University and Pharrell Williams’ i am OTHER company — will provide students with resources that reflect current industry methods to create and produce electronic music. Grants will support students attending public high schools across seven states.

Registration Open: Annual National Guild for Community Arts Education Conference

The 2019 Conference for Community Arts Education — taking place Oct. 30 – Nov. 2 — will explore topics related to the arts in education across disciplines, grade levels and student populations, among other focus areas. Attendees have the opportunity to participate in a range of programming activities, including plenary and breakout sessions, roundtable discussions and networking workshops.

STEAM-Focused Magnet School Receives National Recognition

Johnson STEAM Academy — an elementary school located in Cedar Rapids, Iowa — was named as one of the best magnet schools in the country and received national certification from Magnet Schools of America. The school uses a STEAM-based curriculum that follows the district’s standards and is the first magnet school in Iowa that received designation as a demonstration site and national certification.

New York Students to Participate in New Arts Education Curriculum

A new partnership of the Al Hirschfeld Foundation and the Redhouse Arts Center will use the artwork of Hirschfeld as part of a new performing and visual arts curriculum for K-12 students attending schools in Syracuse, New York. The New York City Board of Education collaborated with the partnership to develop the curriculum that will offer multidisciplinary learning opportunities.

After-School Program Engages Nebraska Youth in the Arts

West Nebraska Arts Center’s After School Arts Program provides students in first through sixth grades with opportunities to create visual art, including ceramics, drawings and paintings. The multi-month program follows the state standards for fine arts education. Participating students work over the course of the program to develop a portfolio and have the chance to share their work in a gallery exhibit.

Related AEP Resource: Visual Arts Matter

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- **2019 AEP Annual Convening**
  Arts Education Partnership, Sept. 11-12, Alexandria, Virginia

- **NASAA 2019 Leadership Institute**
  National Assembly of State Arts Agencies, Sept. 18-20, Providence, Rhode Island

- **EdTA 2019 National Conference**
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of the States shows how all
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including general funding
model structure, base per
pupil, special education,
English language learner, at-
risk, gifted and talented, and
small school funding.

The Arts Education Partnership at Education Commission of the States is established through a
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