A New Website for AEP

Change can be good, and, in this case, we hope you think it’s great! AEP is pleased to share that we have launched a redesigned aep-arts.org.

Our new website still includes all of AEP’s trusted research, reports and resources, but now you can search our resource library by topic — including ESSA, STEAM and school choice. Updated navigation lets you quickly learn more about our partner organizations and catch up on the latest AEP and guest blog posts.

While you’re visiting, be sure to check out ArtScan to see how your state addresses the arts in its education policies and stop by ArtsEdSearch to learn more about the outcomes of arts education for students and educators.

We invite you to take your time exploring. To ensure that we to continue to provide easily accessible content and resources for all arts and education stakeholders, we welcome feedback regarding your experience using our updated website.
AEP in the News:
Highlights From Our Premier Event

Two recent Education Dive articles share highlights from the 2019 AEP Annual Convening — including sessions that looked at how organizations are using **STEAM education to support culturally responsive teaching and engage cultural institutions and diverse communities** and how **online platforms are increasing access to and use of arts education data**.

Stay tuned: We will share videos, presentations and related materials from this two-day event in the next ArtsEd Digest.

News From Our Partners

New Blog Post: Improving Outcomes for Students Through STEAM Education Partnerships

In this **guest post**, Engaging Creative Minds — an AEP partner organization — shares how it implemented an arts-integrated program to improve outcomes for a low-performing South Carolina school.
Just Published: 2019 Journal of Folklore and Education

Local Learning: The National Network for Folk Arts in Education recently released “Art of the Interview,” a special issue that explores the process of conducting an interview — including a guide for students, the impacts of using interviews as part of a curriculum and how to use completed interviews.

Local Learning is now accepting submissions for the 2020 journal edition: “Teaching for Equity: The Role of Folklore in a Time of Crisis and Opportunity.”

Applications Open: 2020 Music Education Innovator Award

The Give a Note Foundation, in partnership with Founding Sponsor CMA Foundation, is accepting applications for this award that recognizes public school music educators and programs that use innovative and sustainable strategies to increase access to music education and engage students who do not typically participate in music classes. Award recipients receive a $4,000 grant to build upon their existing programs. Application deadline: Oct. 11.

News From The Field

New Resource Explores Impacts of Arts Integration Programs

This new report, released by the Indiana Arts Commission, shares research findings from a longitudinal study of the Partnering Arts, Communities and Education program, including its impact on students' writing skills and vocabulary development.
Support Arts Learning

California Casualty announced 139 schools representing 31 states as recipients of its Music and Art Grant. The grants support K-12 programs across arts disciplines, and schools can use the grants to purchase program materials and supplies.

Student Competition Highlights Art Inspired by Living in the West

The Western Governors’ Foundation is accepting submissions of original, two-dimensional artwork from high school students who reside in its member states for its “Celebrate the West” arts competition. Western Governors’ Association will feature the work of winning artists, who will receive cash prizes, at a WGA meeting and on its website. Submission deadline: April 30.

Convenings

- **NASAA 2019 Leadership Institute**
  National Assembly of State Arts Agencies, Sept. 18-20, Providence, Rhode Island
- **EdTA 2019 National Conference**
- **AATE – Youth Voices: Activism Through Theatre**
  American Alliance for Theatre and Education, Oct. 18-20, Berkeley, California
- **2019 ASN Annual Conference**
  Arts Schools Network, Oct. 22-25, Jacksonville, Florida
  National Dance Education Organization, Oct. 23-26, Miami, Florida
- **The Guild – 2019 Conference for Community Arts Education**
  National Guild for Community Arts Education, Oct. 30 – Nov. 2, Austin, Texas
- **2019 NAfME National Conference – Amplify the Future of Music: Opening Doors for All Students**
  National Association for Music Education, Nov. 6–10, Orlando, Florida
- **2019 AFTA National Arts Marketing Project Conference**
  Americans for the Arts, Nov. 15-18, Miami, Florida

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

- **Project Manager** | Arts Education Partnership, Denver, Colorado
- **Senior Policy Analyst** | Education Commission of the States, Denver, Colorado
- **Assistant Professor, Arts Administration** | University of Kentucky, Lexington, Kentucky

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