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2019 AEP Annual Convening Keynote Speaker: VA Superintendent of Public Instruction James Lane

AEP hopes that you can join your arts and education colleagues at this year's **AEP Annual Convening**, where James Lane, Virginia's superintendent of public instruction, will deliver keynote remarks. In his role, Lane serves as the executive officer of the Virginia Department of Education and as secretary of the state board of education.

In addition to this keynote address, the AEP Annual Convening is filled with engaging plenary discussions and informative concurrent sessions exploring the latest research, innovative practices and emerging policy approaches related to the arts in education.

Space is limited and only a restricted number of hotel rooms are available at the discounted conference rate, so we encourage you to **register today**!

NEWS FROM OUR PARTNERS



Upcoming Webinar to Explore State Collection of Arts Education Data

Registration is open for a webinar on **Creating a State Data Culture to Inform Investments in Arts Education**, which features presenters from the National Endowment for the Arts and Education Commission of the States. Hosted in partnership with Grantmakers for Education and Grantmakers in the Arts, this webinar will take place at **2 p.m. EDT June 25** and look at strategies and tools for supporting state-level data efforts and how to incorporate data into broader efforts.

Grants to Expand Access to Theatre for Youths in Schools and the Juvenile Justice System

Forty professional theatre companies, representing 25 states and the District of Columbia, have received **Shakespeare in American Communities grants**. This national program provides middle and high school students with opportunities to see a theatre performance and participate in educational programming. In addition, seven grantees will receive federal funding to support theatre programming for youths in the criminal justice system.

Small Museums Across the Country Receive Grants to Support Their Strategic Plans

The Institute of Museum and Library Services announced 30 recipients of its **Grants for Small Museums initiative**. The grants — totaling more than \$1.1 million — will support the museums in achieving priorities in their strategic plans. Work to support the arts in education is funded in this grant cycle, including an early learning program that engages preschool students in exploring artwork and studios at a museum and a field trip program that aligns with Kentucky's standards for the arts and humanities.



NEWS FROM THE FIELD



Survey Participation Opportunity: STEAM Practices in Out-Of-School Learning

The Innovation Collaborative is **seeking survey responses** as part of a national study to help inform effective STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts and math) practices in out-of-school learning environments. The research will explore direct learning experiences for early learners through 12th grade students. **Survey participation deadline: July 15**.

Grant Supports Student Access to the Performing Arts

The San Bernardino Symphony Orchestra will use the **Arts Education Exposure grant** — awarded by the California Arts Council — to provide more than 3,000 youth with the opportunity to attend a performance of Cirque de la Symphonie, as well as preconcert and post-concert activities. This grant is part of more than \$24 million in funding to support arts programming in the state in 2018-19.

A Look at How Students Participate in STEAM Learning Through University Classes

A **recent news story** highlights how schools are integrating the arts into STEM education, including as part of a video game coding camp for girls at Northern Illinois University. In the camp, students create a story board and draw characters, while also learning how to make the game function through coding.



- **REGISTER NOW! 2019 AEP Annual Convening** Arts Education Partnership, Sept. 11-12, Alexandria, Va.
- Dance/USA 2019 Annual Conference Dance USA, June 12-15, Cleveland, Ohio
- Opera America 2019 Annual Conference Opera America, June 12-16, San Francisco, Calif.
- **2019 Americans for the Arts Annual Convention** Americans for the Arts, June 13-16, Twin Cities, Minn.
- 2019 National PTA Convention and Expo National PTA, June 20-23, Columbus, Ohio
- CCSSO National Conference on Student Assessment Council of Chief State School Officers, June 24-26, Orlando, Fla.
- 2019 Chorus America Conference Chorus America, June 26-29, Philadelphia, Pa.
- Lincoln Center Education 2019 Summer Forum Lincoln Center Education, July 8-26, New York City, N.Y.
- Registration Open! 2019 National Forum on Education Policy

Education Commission of the States, July 10-12, Denver, Colo.

- 2019 NAESP Pre-K-8 Principals Conference National Association of Elementary School Principals, July 10-12, Spokane, Wash.
- 2019 EDTA Leadership Summit Educational Theatre Association, July 16-19, Washington, D.C.
- 2019 AATE National Conference American Alliance for Theatre & Education, Aug. 1-5, New York City, N.Y.

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



- Executive Director, Ohio Alliance for Arts Education, Columbus, Ohio
- Director of Music, Count Basie Center's Monmouth Conservatory of Music, Red Bank, N.J.

ArtsEdSearch

Preschoolers in a dance program made greater gains from pretest to post-test in rhythm synchronization and balance than peers who were not in the program. **More**

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ArtScan

Seventeen states specify arts education as a requirement for schools to be accredited.

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

Featured Resource

50-State Comparison: Arts Education Data Collection and Reporting

This **50-State Comparison** — created through a partnership between the National Endowment for the Arts and Education Commission of the States — assesses the capacity of all 50 states and the District of Columbia to aggregate and report on arts education data already housed in statewide education data systems.



The Arts Education Partnership at Education Commission of the States is established through a cooperative agreement between the National Endowment for the Arts and the U.S. Department of Education. AEP serves as the nation's hub for individuals and organizations committed to making high-quality arts education accessible to all U.S. students, improving arts education practice and researching how art influences and strengthens American education.

AEP's efforts to communicate, collaborate, convene and connect policymakers, stakeholders and leaders across the arts in education field are supported by the following foundation partners: The Hewlett Foundation and The Wallace Foundation.

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