AEP Is Seeking a Director!
Washington, D.C., or Denver-Based Position

The Arts Education Partnership at Education Commission of the States — named by Nonprofit Times in 2017, 2018 and 2019 as one of the Top 50 Best Nonprofits to Work For — is hiring a director to lead staff and projects to meet the organization’s mission and goals. The director will have a passion for the arts in education, a vision for advancing the goals of AEP and the savvy to utilize the Education Commission of the States’ platform to strengthen and grow the AEP initiative. Learn more and apply here.

Applications must be received by Tuesday, July 9.

2019 National Forum on Education Policy to Highlight STEAM

Education Commission of the States’ premier, annual event — taking place July 10-12 in Denver — will include a concurrent session that will explore what STEAM (science, technology engineering, arts and math) education is and how states have begun to include the arts in STEM policy. Session presenters, Heather Sherman of the Ohio STEM Learning Network and Battelle Education and Nevada State Sen. Joyce Woodhouse, will also discuss how the arts can support a creative workforce that is able to respond innovatively to real-world problems.

Related AEP Resource: Policy Considerations for STEAM Education

New Resource Explores the Role of Arts Education in Learning Outcomes

This report, from the Consortium on School Research at the University of Chicago and Ingenuity, examines how participation in the arts impacts the social-emotional development of students in kindergarten through 12th grade in both in-school and after-school settings. The report includes information gathered from a comprehensive literature review, as well as in-person interviews and focus groups with arts education stakeholders.

Applications Open: YoungArts National Arts Competition
YoungArts is accepting submissions across arts disciplines from artists in 10th-12th grade or ages 15-18 years old for this program, which offers financial, professional and mentoring supports to selected winners. Finalists become eligible for nomination as a U.S. Presidential Scholar in the Arts. Deadline to apply: Oct. 11.

NEWS FROM THE FIELD

New Success Story: Expanding Literacy Through Art

Learn how the Picturing Writing program — aligned with art and English language arts standards — uses the arts to help kindergarten through 12th grade students across the country and Canada improve their reading and writing skills and use rich, descriptive language. Grounded in the four priority areas of AEP’s 2020 Action Agenda, the Success Stories project highlights successful arts in education programs.

Grant to Provide Youths in the Juvenile Justice System With Access to the Arts

The Arts Council of Mendocino County (California) will use the grant — awarded by the California Arts Council and totaling more than $21,000 — to expand opportunities for youths to engage in the creation of murals within their communities and work with a professional artist. The grant is part of the JUMP STArts program, which provides access to high-quality arts learning through partnerships with arts organizations and juvenile justice facilities or social service organizations.

Education Summit Convenes Iowa Arts Educators to Look at State Standards

The Iowa Fine Arts Education Summit — a collaboration of the Iowa Alliance for Arts Education, Iowa Department of Education and Iowa Arts Council — brought together more than 400 attendees, including arts educators and teaching artists, to support their work in implementing state standards across arts disciplines. Throughout the inaugural event, educators had opportunities to share their work aligned with the standards and collaborate with colleagues.

CONVENINGS

- REGISTER NOW! 2019 AEP Annual Convening
  Arts Education Partnership, Sept. 11-12, Alexandria, Va.
- 2019 Chorus America Conference
- Lincoln Center Education – 2019 Summer Forum
  Lincoln Center Education, July 8-26, New York City, N.Y.
- Education Commission of the States - 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.
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ArtScan

All 50 states and the District Of Columbia have standards for any and all disciplines of arts education across early childhood, elementary and secondary education.

Explore arts education policies in your state using ArtScan.

Featured Resource

The Arts in Schools of Choice

This Policy Brief highlights how states currently address schools of choice within policy, including those that intersect with arts education, and explores further opportunities to engage the arts in statewide policies and practices.