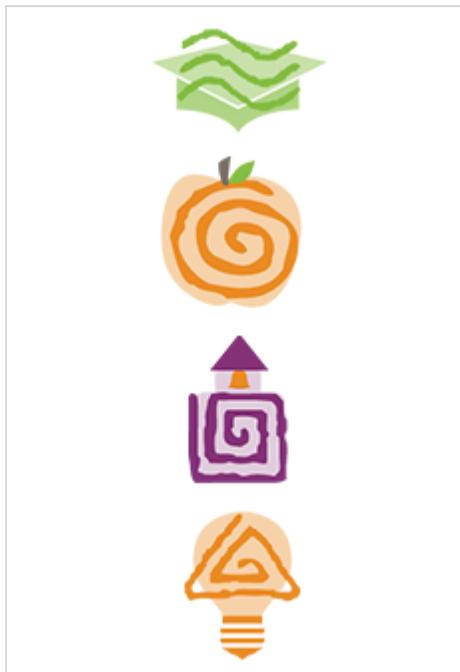


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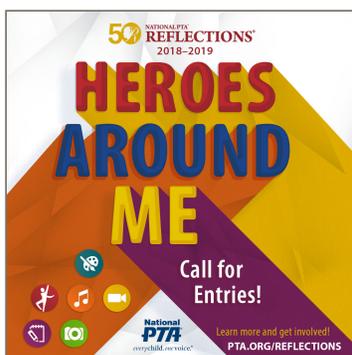
As we begin another exciting and engaging year of activities in the arts in education, AEP looks forward to building upon the many successes and important work that took place across the field and the partnership this past year. In 2018, AEP continued to promote and advance the work of its partner organizations and other arts education organizations with **10 guest blogs** and **three new Success Stories**.

Supporting our focus on providing timely and relevant research and resources, AEP released **seven key publications** — including updates to two core resources — added **seven new study summaries** to ArtsEdSearch and released the **2018 update to ArtScan**. Check out more highlights from 2018 in our **annual report**.

This year, AEP is exploring two new focus areas in the arts in education — **school choice** and **STEAM**. We are pleased to embark on another rewarding year and continue our work together.

Want to share your success stories? Learn more about our Success Stories initiative, **here**.

NEWS FROM OUR PARTNERS



2019 National PTA Reflections Program Showcases Art From Students Across the Country

The National PTA is accepting **entries of original works of art** across arts disciplines from students in pre-kindergarten through 12th grade for this annual award program. Students can submit artwork through their local Reflections program, with selected winners receiving the opportunity to exhibit their artwork. **The deadline to register to participate is Feb. 1.**

New Grant Opportunity to Support Small and Rural Libraries

The Institute of Museum and Library Services' **Accelerating Promising Practices for Small Libraries** initiative seeks to support these libraries, as well as archives and related organizations, in

their work through grants of up to \$50,000. IMLS will award grants across three categories, including Transforming School Library Practice. **Deadline to apply: Feb. 25.**

Award Nominations Open: Americans for the Arts' 2019 BCA Awards

The **BCA 10: Best Businesses Partnering With the Arts in America** awards annually recognize 10 businesses for their work and engagement in enriching education, the community and the workplace through the arts. The awards also recognize their service across a variety of areas, including addressing community needs, leadership and long-term commitment. **Deadline to submit a nomination: Jan. 25.**

NEWS FROM THE FIELD



Grant Helps to Increase Access to Arts Education in Rural California School Districts

Rural school districts across Napa County will use the more than **\$775,000 grant** — part of the states' Federal IV program — to provide professional development in arts integration for teachers, purchase curriculum materials and host an arts and science summer camp for English language learners, among other activities. The grant will also support the Napa Valley Unified School Districts' Arts Master Plan, which seeks to provide equitable access to arts education.

New Online Directory Connects Indiana Stakeholders With Arts Education Opportunities

Recently launched by the Arts Council of Indianapolis, this **free, open-access directory** enables teachers, arts organizations and parents to connect and explore arts education activities across central Indiana. Visitors to the website can search by several criteria, including arts discipline, program type and provider.

Grants to Expand Access to Arts Education for Georgia Students

Three rural school districts in the Coastal Empire received **stART grants from the Georgia Department of Education** to develop new or expand existing arts education initiatives. These grants are part of the department's collective grant awards — \$260,000 in total — and the state's Partnership for Rural Growth initiative.

CONVENINGS

- **The 2019 NAMM Show**
National Association of Music Merchants – Jan. 24-27, Anaheim, Calif.
- **FAAE – Arts Integration Symposium and Restorative Justice**
Florida Alliance for Arts Education – Feb. 18, Jacksonville, Fla.
- **AFTA - The National Arts Action Summit**
Americans for the Arts – March 4-5, Washington, D.C.

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

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

- **Policy Researcher**, Education Commission of the States, Denver, Colo.
- **Executive Director**, Turnaround Arts: California, Los Angeles, Calif.
- **Education Director**, Florida Theatre Performing Arts Center, Jacksonville, Fla.

ArtsEdSearch



Students participating in an arts partnership program reported increased sense of ownership and control of their own learning, plus increased confidence to participate more fully in discussions and offer personal opinions. **More**

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ArtScan

Twenty-five states require arts education instruction in elementary, middle and high school and define the arts as a core or academic subject.

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

Featured Resource

Review of Evidence: Arts Education Research Through the Lens of the Every Student Succeeds Act

This **updated report** from American Institutes for Research provides an overview of arts education interventions that meet the evidence requirements of ESSA and qualify for funding under this federal law.

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