

Four Collaborating Agencies

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Minnesota Center for Arts Education

The Minnesota Center for Arts Education is a state agency created by the Minnesota legislature to improve arts education for students and teachers. The Center is comprised of two parts—Resource Programs and the Arts High School. Through Resource Programs a broad range of programs and services are provided statewide. Many of the programs have been developed in collaboration with schools, communities, and arts organizations throughout the state: the Artist Educator Institute (AEI), Comprehensive Arts Planning Program (CAPP), Dance Education Initiative (DEI), Interdisciplinary Curriculum Initiative, Magnet Arts Program, Minnesota Arts eXperience (MAX summer programs for K-12 educators, artists and students), Partners: Arts and Schools for Students (PASS), Professional Opportunities Program (POP), and a variety of innovative conferences such as “Multicultural Imperative,” “Native American Art is World Art” and “Sculpting the Future.”

The Center provides technical service information and resources which address current arts education issues. A membership program for the Learning Resource Center collection is free and available to anyone in the state. The Center also operates the Arts High School, a tuition-free, residential public school for 11th and 12th grade students from throughout Minnesota. The school offers intensive study in six arts areas: dance, literary arts, media arts, music, theater and visual arts, along with a comprehensive academic studies program. The school was designed as a residential program to meet the needs of a diverse array of underserved populations across the state. Students of both highly accomplished skill and emerging artistic talent are encouraged to apply.

The mission of the Arts High School is: “Innovative public education centered in the arts.” The mission of Resource Programs is: “Leadership for arts education in Minnesota.”

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Minnesota Department of Children, Families and Learning

The Minnesota Department of Children, Families and Learning (DCFL) brings under one roof a variety of programs previously handled by six separate agencies. The creation of the new department was initiated by Governor Arne Carlson and approved by the 1995 Minnesota Legislature. The new department will ensure that families have easy access to the services they need. The goals of the agency are to improve the capacity of communities to help achieve the following goals:

- Families provide a stable environment for their children.
- Children are physically, emotionally and intellectually healthy.
- Communities are safe, friendly and caring environments for children.
- Minnesotans have opportunities for lifelong learning from birth to adulthood.
- Minnesotans have the advanced education and training to make them competitive in a global economy.
- Children start school ready to learn.
- Schools implement graduation standards and technology that increase learning and support teaching.
- Youth and adults possess the knowledge and skills they need to be productive workers and citizens in a global economy.

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Minnesota Alliance for Arts in Education

The Minnesota Alliance for Arts in Education is a private non-profit service and advocacy organization which has as its mission “to advance arts education for all Minnesota students.” The Alliance brings together individuals and organizations through its membership program, state and regional meetings, and grassroots advocacy efforts to create a network of arts education supporters statewide to influence decision-makers at all levels. The Alliance works to inform educators, artists, parents and other citizens of the issues, resources, and opportunities for arts education through its newspaper, *Artbeat*, and other publications. The Alliance is a partner in administering the Comprehensive Arts Planning Program, which assists communities in creating and implementing long-range arts education plans. The Alliance sponsors awards programs that honor exemplary work by legislators, school administrators, arts organizations, artists and parents in supporting arts education in the state.

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Minnesota State Arts Board

The Minnesota State Arts board is a state agency offering grants, services, and resource publications to individual artists, arts organizations, and schools throughout the state. The Arts Board supports arts in education (AIE) programming, including school residencies by independent artists and arts organizations. The agency presents an annual AIE Artists Showcase where teachers and artists meet to discuss residency possibilities.

To help schools identify artists for residency work, the Arts Board produces the Arts in Education Roster of Artists, a juried listing of artists available to teach in elementary and secondary schools. The Roster also includes information on arts organizations that receive Arts Board funding for residency programs. Schools may contact these organizations directly to plan an artist residency.

All public or private non-parochial schools in Minnesota are eligible to apply to the AIE School Support program for matching funds for residencies of five days or more. Applications are due each year in April. The Arts in Education Program Associate is available to assist schools in identifying artists, planning residencies, and completing the application process.

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