



Resources to Support the Arts in Your Schools

The Insider's Guide to Arts Education Planning

The Insider's Guide to Arts Education Planning provides a hands-on, how-to planning process for schools, districts and counties. The Guide grows out of the Community Arts Education Project (CAEP), a 2001 jointly sponsored initiative of the California Alliance for Arts Education (CAAE) and the California State PTA.

You can download the guide from the CAAE web site (<http://www.artsed411.org/insiders-guide/intro.stm>) or the PTA SMARTS: Bring Back the Arts web site (<http://www.capta.org/sections/programs-smarts/>).

Topics include:

Developing Your Community Arts Team
Looking at the Current Status of Arts Education in the District
Developing a Policy for Arts Education in the District

Strategic Planning for Arts Education Programs in the District
Laying Out the Plan
Developing Funding Strategy
Presenting the Plan to the School Board



An Unfinished Canvas

Arts Education in California: Taking Stock of Policies and Practices

First Comprehensive Study of K-12 Arts Education in California Schools Finds Vast Majority Fail to Meet State Standards

A landmark study from independent research institute SRI International, for the first time systemically examining the status of arts education in California, reveals that the vast majority of California's schools fail to meet state standards for teaching the arts, and that access to arts instruction varies widely among the state's schools. You can find the full report and the executive summary on the PTA SMARTS: Bring Back the Arts web site: <http://www.capta.org/sections/programs-smarts/>

California Arts Education Strategic Task Force Report

The California County Superintendents Educational Services Association (CCSESA), with the collaborative support of the California Alliance for Arts Education, convened a California Arts Education Strategic Task Force in Spring 2007. Co-chaired by State Superintendent of Public Instruction Jack O'Connell and Secretary of Education David Long, the Task Force was designed to move the public school reform agenda toward a full and comprehensive education that includes systematic instruction in the four disciplines of the arts. You can find the full report on the PTA SMARTS: Bring Back the Arts web site, <http://www.capta.org/sections/programs-smarts/>

Strategic Recommendations for Maximizing New Arts Funding

The California Arts Project shares strategies for teachers, administrators, parents, and others involved in decision making on the use of the new state funds. http://csmp.ucop.edu/tcap/news/support_visual.html