

# Sonoma County Arts Education Alliance

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## OUR TOP STORY



## AEA Steering Committee

In April 2021, the Sonoma County Arts Education Alliance's newly-formed Steering Committee was launched, bringing together professionals from all corners of our arts education community. This group is responsible for overseeing the broad agenda and actions of the AEA, setting priorities, evaluating opportunities and needs, and developing action plans to achieve those objectives. Members also participate in the various working groups of the AEA, ensuring communication between the groups and alignment with the objectives of the greater AEA.

In the past six months, the Steering Committee has been focused on how to best support and uplift the wonderful work happening within our community, from the expansion of [Arts Now Communities](#), the school districts that have committed to

adopting the Sonoma County [Arts Education Framework](#), to the trainings offered by our local organizations to bolster the skillsets of our educators.

Three main objectives are top of mind:

- Ensuring that the AEA approaches all initiatives with a commitment to equity, diversity, inclusion, and access for all
- Connecting with our greater community and ensuring students have access to high quality, sequential, standards-based arts education
- Developing a strong, supportive network for our AEA members

If you have questions, suggestions, or simply want to get more involved, your input is welcome and appreciated!

[Connect with AEA Steering Committee](#)

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## Help Ensure New Federal Funds Support Arts Education at Your School

School districts are making crucial funding decisions now about how to use the American Rescue Plan (ARP) and Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER III) fund! School leaders require community input on how to allocate these billions of dollars. Let them know that investing in arts education means investing in students' mental wellbeing, academic achievement, future careers, and civic engagement. Click [HERE](#) to see if your district is receiving funding.

[Learn More](#)

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The **Arts Education for All Act** will soon be slated as the broadest arts education policy bill ever introduced in Congress. Supported by Americans for the Arts, Grantmakers in the Arts, and the National Association of Music Merchants, this bill includes provisions to support and encourage arts education for grades K-12, as well as, youth impacted by juvenile justice system, and infuses arts education as an element of K-12 school improvement.

[Learn More](#)

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Sonoma County Arts Education Alliance  
Virtual Meetings

## LOS PADRES EMBAJADORES DE LAS ARTES

10 de noviembre de 2021 | 7:00pm

## PARENT AMBASSADORS FOR ARTS

November 10, 2021 | 7:00pm

## Parents! Learn How YOU Can Support Arts Education at Your School

Join our **Parent Ambassadors for Arts / Los Padres Embajadores de las Artes** dialogue to learn why arts education offers unparalleled opportunity and benefits for our children. These meetings occur quarterly (via Zoom) and will inform and inspire YOU to make a difference.

**Meeting #2 CONTINUING THE CONVERSATION: Presented in English and Spanish. All are welcome!**

- **November 10, 2021, 7:00pm** This virtual meeting will include more tools and discussion, including how to create your own elevator pitch. Meet other parents who are seeking opportunities for their child and learn how to help.

[Learn More & Register](#)

**Meeting #1 INTRODUCTION: Missed this meeting earlier this fall?**

[View Recordings of Introductory Meetings:](#)

[en español](#)

[in English](#)

## ArtsEd RESOURCES

**iAspire Arts Integration Professional Learning Network  
Launching November 9!**

The iAspire Arts Integration Professional Learning Network expands the Windsor Unified School District's iAspire program to other Sonoma County teachers and administrators. Virtual and (eventually) in-person sharing, professional development, and instructional coaching will be facilitated by teacher leaders from the WUSD iAspire team. Watch the iAspire video [HERE](#). The virtual launch takes place **November 9, 2021 3:30-5:00pm**

[Learn More & Register](#)

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## **IDEA: Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, & Access in the Classroom- Starting November 3!**

This 3-part virtual professional development series for classroom is presented by Luther Burbank Center for the Arts. IDEA is an engaging, interactive, and non-judgmental series that will support arts educators and administrators as they reflect their practice toward culture, communications, instruction, and student expectations in the classroom. Dates for this series are **Wednesdays: November 3, November 17, and December 8, 2021 from 4:00-5:30.**

[Learn More & Register](#)



## **ArtsEd BLOG & STUDENT ARTS SPOTLIGHT**

The AEA Students Arts Spotlight celebrates excellence in arts education. Submit your school's work in the arts on the ArtsEd Blog page!

[Read the Blog](#)

**ArtsEd DIRECTORY & OPPORTUNITIES  
FROM CREATIVESONOMA.ORG**

**Featured ArtsEd Program:** Offering Poetry Out Loud, Anti-Racist Strategies for the

Poetry Classroom, and enriching school residencies. [California Poets in the Schools](#)

**From Opportunities:** Virtual professional development offered 3 times this fall starting Oct 28 to deepen understanding of [CA Arts Standards and Universal Design for Learning](#).

**MORE Programs**

**MORE Opportunities**



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