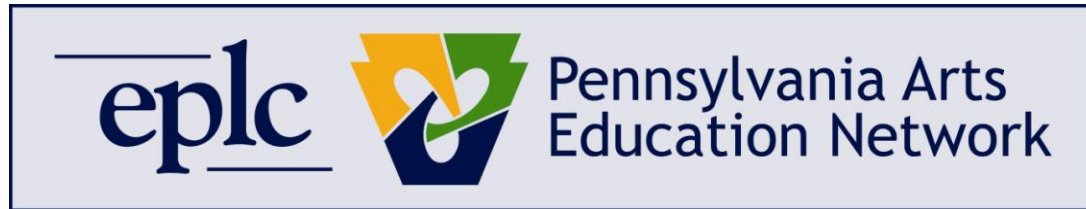


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Pennsylvania Arts Education Network

The Pennsylvania Arts Education Network is a **coalition of arts, arts education, and advocacy organizations and individuals** working together to strengthen public and policymaker support for Arts Education in Pennsylvania.

Establishment of a statewide partnership for arts education advocacy was a recommendation included in **EPLC's 2012 report, "Creating Pennsylvania's Future Through Arts and Education."** The Network is governed by a Steering Committee composed of major statewide and regional arts and education organizations, and is currently convened and staffed by The Education Policy and Leadership Center.



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Network Steering Committee Members

**American Alliance for Theatre and Education –
PA Representative**

Arts Education Collaborative

Citizens for the Arts in Pennsylvania

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Greater Philadelphia Cultural Alliance

Greater Pittsburgh Arts Council

Jump Street, Inc.

PA Museums

Pennsylvania Alliance for Arts Education

Pennsylvania Art Education Association

**Pennsylvania Association for Supervision and
Curriculum Development**

Pennsylvania Association of School Administrators

Pennsylvania Humanities Council

Pennsylvania School Boards Association

Pennsylvania Music Educators Association

Pennsylvania PTA

**Pennsylvania State Association for Health, Physical
Education, Recreation, and Dance**

**Pennsylvania State Education Association –
Fine Arts Caucus**

**Pittsburgh Association for the Education of Young
Children**

Progressive Music

Public Citizens for Children and Youth

VSA Pennsylvania

**Former Arts Advisor to the PA Department of
Education: *Beth Cornell, Clyde McGeary, and
Jamie Kasper***

Current State of Arts Education Policy in the States

- **See information from Arts Education Partnership (AEP)**
- **Inventory of relevant policy policy in your state?**
- **Data collection in your state?**

Importance of public policy in addressing the equity and access gap for arts education

- **Acknowledge public interest.**
- **Balance state and local responsibilities.**
- **What shall be expected of students**
- **What shall be provided to students?**
- **Monitoring and Data collection.**
- **Resources.**
- **Enforcement.**

CONSIDER ALL OF THE STATE POLICY LEVERS

- **Bully-Pulpit (speechmaking, convening)**
- **Constitution**
- **Statutes**
- **Regulations**
- **Department Standards/BECS/Guidelines**
- **Appropriations**
- **Conditions attached (targeted, pilots, incentives, rewards)**
- **Appointing Authority**

Pennsylvania Arts Education Network Policy Agenda

Approved by Network Steering Committee on March 13, 2013

- 1. The Pennsylvania Department of Education should restore at least one full-time Fine Arts and Humanities Advisor.**
- 2. State policymakers should reinstate the Governor's School for the Arts, which was canceled as a result of state budget cuts in 2009.**
- 3. The Pennsylvania Department of Education should inform all school districts that they may use Title I and Title II funds for arts education.**
- 4. All school districts should require at least one high school credit in the arts as a graduation requirement.**
- 5. The Pennsylvania Department of Education should develop endorsements to be added to other teaching certificates for teachers of dance and theatre.**
- 6. The General Assembly must begin in the 2013-2014 state budget to restore the nearly \$900 million dollars of state funding to school districts that was cut during the past two years, and develop a multi-year plan and commitment to restore all of the cuts and assure a system of equitable, adequate, accountable, and predictable funding to support all of Pennsylvania's students.**

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