Fine Arts E-Newsletter

The latest fine arts updates, highlights and announcements from throughout the state of Florida...

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Welcome

Welcome to the inaugural edition of the Florida Department of Education Fine Arts E-Newsletter. The purpose of this newsletter will be to update district leadership, fine arts specialists and fine arts educators of FDOE updates, upcoming events and to highlight the wonderful fine arts professional learning, activities, events and festivals throughout the state. This newsletter will be distributed each fall and spring. If you would like something from your district highlighted in a future issue, please email Amanda El Shemi, Fine Arts Specialist at Amanda.Elshemi@fldoe.org.

Be the change that you wish to see in the world."- Mahatma Gandhi

Early Childhood Music Education Incentive Program

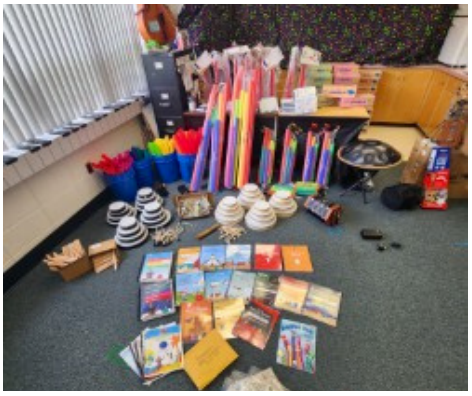
The Early Childhood Music Education Incentive Program was created to assist participating school districts in implementing and supporting comprehensive music education programs for students in kindergarten through grade 2.

In the first year, the program supported 13 Florida school districts and funded 21,442 students and their teachers. These funds were used for instruments, technology upgrades, music and curriculum, professional learning, fine arts field trips, and so much more. We are so thankful to the teachers and districts who took the time to participate in this program and look forward to the continuation of this program this upcoming year.

Applications for the Early Childhood Music Education Incentive Program were due to SharePoint by September 15, 2024.



Early Childhood Music Education Incentive Program
Washington County School District

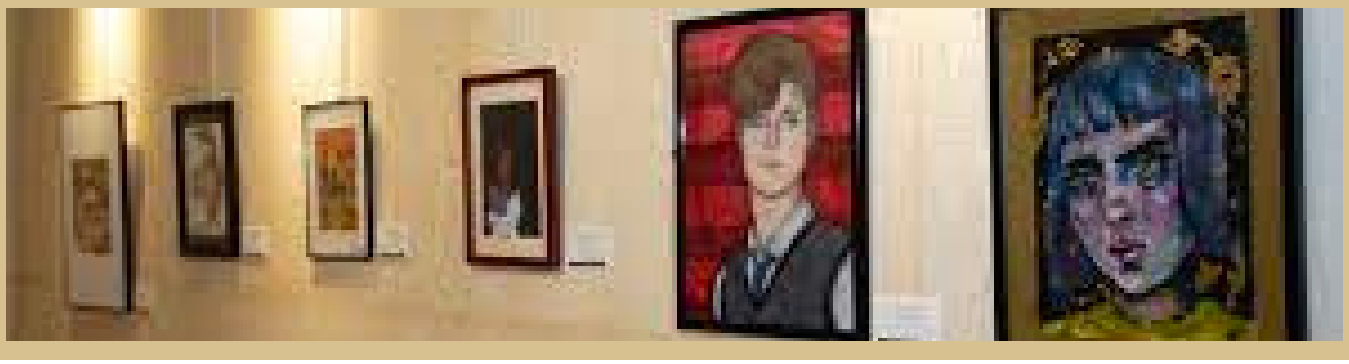


Art In The Capitol

All artwork submitted for the Art in the Capitol must:

- not violate copyright laws, meaning that it is original in concept, design and execution;
- be two-dimensional, and not exceed 28 inches wide by 28 inches long by 4 inches thick;
- weigh less than 15 pounds;
- be framed and include a hook or lip to hang up the art;
- attach completed student information sheet to the back of the art piece which can be found on the DMS website.





Districts must submit the winning piece of art to their legislator by January 3, 2025.

Florida Seal of Fine Arts

The Florida Seal of Fine Arts Program was established to recognize high school graduates who have met exemplary benchmarks in fine arts coursework. The purpose of the Florida Seal of Fine Arts Program is to encourage students to develop an exemplary level of proficiency in the performing or visual arts.

Criteria specified in Rule 6A-1.09952, F.A.C. for the Florida Seal of Fine Arts Program:

- Pursuant to Section 1003.4321 F.S., Florida Seal of Fine Arts Program for high school graduates, prospective students must successfully be awarded a high school diploma and receive an "A" or higher for three years in a selected fine arts discipline.
- Additionally, students will have an opportunity to select two of five options of their choice to meet the additional criteria.
    - Completed a Fine Arts International Baccalaureate, advanced placement, dual enrollment or honors course with a grade of "B" or higher;
    - Participated in a district or statewide organization's juried event as a selected student participant for two (2) or more years;
    - Recorded at least 25 volunteer hours of arts-related community service in his or her community and presents a comprehensive presentation on his or her experiences pursuant to district procedures;
    - Submits a portfolio that demonstrates the student is an exemplary practitioner of fine arts, as described in paragraph (4) of the rule; or
    - Received district, state or national recognition for the creation and submission of an original work of art.
- Once students have met all the required criteria, they will be assessed by their school district, which will determine if they are eligible for the Florida Seal of Fine Arts.

The following documents are incorporated in Rule 6A-1.09952, F.A.C.:

- Florida Seal of Fine Arts Eligibility Form (Form FA-1) Optional
- Florida Seal of Fine Arts Portfolio Rubric (Form FA-2) Required
- Florida Seal of Fine Arts Statement (Form FA-3) Required
- Florida Seal of Fine Arts Volunteer Hour Tracker (Form FA-4) Optional

We anticipate the design will be adopted in Rule 6A-1.0995, F.A.C., Form of High School Diplomas and Certificates of Completion, and, once approved by the State Board of Education, districts will be able to access it on the Florida Department of Education website under Fine Arts.

Fine Art Opportunities For Students

Hispanic Heritage Month Art Competition



The Hispanic Heritage Month art contest is for all Kindergarten through third-grade students in Florida. Each student submits an original, two-dimensional artwork based on this year's theme. Four statewide winners will be selected, and each winner will receive a $100 gift card for school supplies and a 1-year pass to Florida State Parks. **Were due September 13, 2024**.
More information can be found at www.FloridaHispanicHeritage.com.

Native American Heritage Month Art Contest

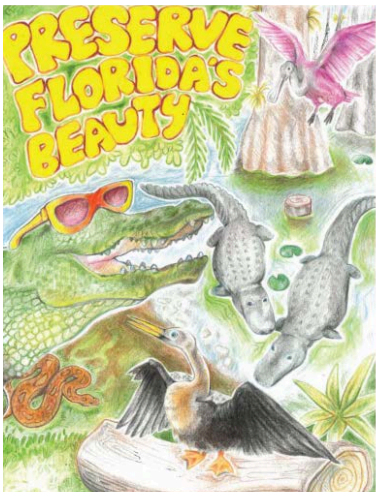


Governor Ron DeSantis and First Lady Casey DeSantis' Native American Heritage Month Art Contest is open to all Kindergarten through third-grade students in Florida. Each student will submit original, two-dimensional artwork based on this year's theme. Four statewide winners will be selected, and each winner will receive a $100 gift card for school supplies and a 1-year pass to Florida State Parks. **Due Date TBD in November.**
More information can be found at www.FloridaNativeAmericanHeritage.com.

Black History Month Art Contest



Each year in February, Florida commemorates Black History Month with a reception at the Governor's Mansion. During this event, the governor presents awards to students and teachers who submitted entries or were nominated for the statewide Black History Month contests. Students in kindergarten through third grade were invited to submit original artworks for the contest. Four art contest winners were chosen and each received a $100 gift card for school supplies and a one-year pass to Florida state parks. **Due Date TBA in February.**
More information can be found at www.floridablackhistory.com.



Earth Day Poster Contest

For Earth Day, Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) recognizes Florida's efforts in sustaining our air, water, land and ecosystems by hosting a poster contest for students in 4th through 12th grades. Students are invited to design a poster that encourages environmental awareness using DEP's Earth Day theme. Statewide winning artwork was selected from each grade group (4th through 5th grades, 6th through 8th grades, and 9th through 12th grades) and winners will receive a full-size printed poster of their artwork in addition to Florida State Park entrance passes. **Due Date TBD in April.**
More information can be found at https://floridadep.gov/comm/comm/campaign/earth-day-2024.

Fine Art Opportunities For Students

2024 Florida Space Art Contest



Lieutenant Governor Jeanette Nuñez's Space Art Contest is open to all K–5 grade students in Florida and is held in March. Each student will submit an original, two-dimensional artwork based on this year's theme. Submissions will be broken down into two categories: K–2 and 3–5. Six art pieces from each group (12 total) will be selected as finalists. Finalists will win two tickets to the Kennedy Space Center Visitor Complex. Two lucky grand prize winners, one selected from each group, will have their artwork launched into space on an upcoming mission!Forms and Guidelines Student contest rules and guidelines can be found online at www.FloridaSpaceArt.com.

District Highlights from Around the State



Dance Education: Dancing for Joy!

The dance teachers of Volusia county known for their wonderful opening performances at the Orlando Magic games and Dance Nationals in Orlando collaborate each year to ensure that they are prepared and ready to challenge and push their dancers when they arrive to school on day one.

-Volusia County Public Schools



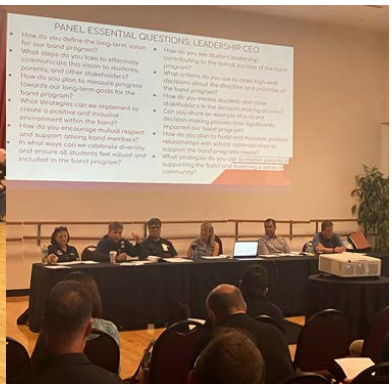
Theatre Education: Break A Leg!

Theatre teachers run through hands on improv exercises together which they will be incorporating into their theatre programs this upcoming year. This allows them to predict any obstacles they might have ahead of time and work together to create lesson extensions to add to the unit.

-Volusia County Public Schools

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Best Practices for Band : Beyond the Quest for MPA Superior

This PD enhanced band directors' skills by focusing on holistic teaching methods and best practices. We shared practical strategies for your multifaceted role, which demands we wear various "hats" to manage the diverse aspects of the job effectively.

-Palm Beach County Public Schools

Dance & Theatre Arts: Exploring Self & Society

This PD focused on integrating dance and theatre arts education to help foster self-expression and enhance cultural understanding. Participants learned how integrating dance and theater arts in education promotes holistic Arts Education.

-Palm Beach County Public Schools



Instrumental Music

The fine arts teachers of Volusia were working on their chops during preplanning in their instrumental instruction session.

-Volusia County Public Schools



Elementary Education

Elementary education is many times where the love for music begins and in this session the teachers collaborated with each other to ensure they had a great start to the new school year!

-Volusia County Public Schools

District Highlights from Around the State









Welcome Back!

Orange County Public Schools was excited to welcome back all of their fine arts teachers for the 2024-2025 Academic School year. This year they offered a large range of sessions for their fine arts to choose from consisting of topic such as choral literature, show production, conducting, and so much more!

-Orange County Public Schools





Native Art (Working with clay, symbolism and function)

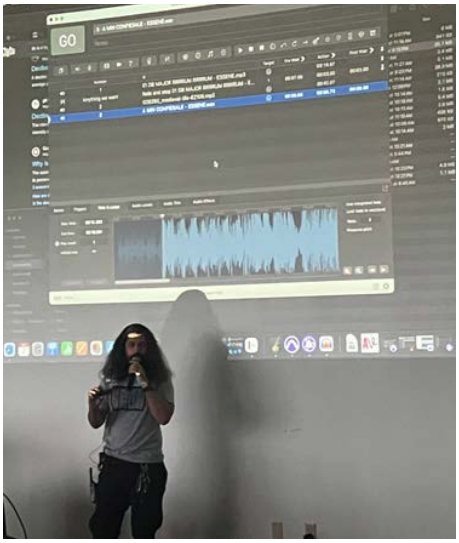


Participants explored indigenous art, ceramics from South Florida tribes and studied symbolism in Rose B. Simpson's "Journeys of Clay" at the Norton. They worked together to create a functional clay piece using found materials and tools.

-Palm Beach Public Schools



District Highlights from Around the State



Basic Music Editing

Participants delved into the intricacies of accompaniment music editing & transposition of music tracks, guided by a Kravis Center sound engineer. This class offered practical skills to elevate musical productions to new heights.

-Palm Beach Public Schools



Music and ELLs: Lens on Culture

Music was an entry point for including and representing English-language learners using musical song selections from famous animated films. Song selections were viewed through a lens of musical analysis and socio-cultural connections.

-Palm Beach Public Schools



Elementary Music: Interactive Folk Dance

Music educators learned a variety of folk dances from different countries. The session highlighted cross-curricular connections to music and demonstrated how integrating folk dance with musical elements can enhance learning in multiple subject areas.

-Palm Beach Public Schools



Adobe Express 101: Visual Art@ Norton Museum of Art

In this class, participants learned the essentials of Adobe Express, from basic functions to advanced features. They created classroom graphics using pre-made templates, integrating video, animation, and more.

-Palm Beach Public Schools



Balanced Choral Literature Selection

Professional learning equipped vocal teachers with knowledge of genres, strategies for literature selection, and ideas on how to approach rehearsing each genre, emphasizing evaluating music for its suitability and creating guidelines for determining artistic merit.

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Fine Arts Professional Learning from the FDOE!












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