

How does ArtsEd Washington support Washington's arts education ecosystem?



**ArtsEd Washington
advances arts education for
ALL Washington State students
through collaboration, leadership,
and advocacy with key players.**

**Office of
Superintendent
of Public
Instruction**

**State
Board of
Education**

**Professional
Educator
Standards
Board**

**Washington
Legislature**

**Washington
Association for
Career and
Technical
Education**

**Dance
Educators
Association of
Washington**

**Washington
Art Education
Association**

**Washington
Music
Educators
Association**

**Washington
State Thespians
(Theatre)**

**National
Dance
Educators
Organization**

**National
Art Education
Association**

**National
Association
for Music
Education**

**Educational
Theatre
Association**

**National
Association of
Media Arts
Education**

**Washington
Education
Association**

**WA Parent
Teacher
Association**

**District
Superintendents**

**School
board
directors**

**Local
school
principals**

ArtsWA

**Inspire
Washington**

**Arts
for All**

As a grass roots non-profit, ArtsEd Washington provides services for educators and administrators, collaborates with statewide leaders, and advocates for systemic change to ensure arts education is a meaningful part of the K-12 educational experience for every student in Washington State.

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Education agencies

Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI)-- Allocates state-approved funding, sets learning standards, provides tools and technical assistance for districts, oversees education reform and policy implementation, and maintains comprehensive records and statistics

State Board of Education (SBE)--Sets assessment standards and graduation requirements. Provides advocacy and strategic oversight of the K-12 system

Professional Educators Standards Board (PESB)-- Responsible for the professional standards, certification, and development of educators

Washington Legislature--Represents their residents in their region by drafting, debating, and voting on state laws and budgets

Education leaders

WA Parent Teacher Association (WSPTA)-- Supports local PTAs through advocacy, family engagement, and community building

Washington Education Association (WEA)--Statewide labor union that represents public school employees, including teachers and support staff

District Superintendents--Chief executive officer of their local school district, responsible for managing daily operations, implementing board policies, and fostering a vision for student success

School board directors--Publicly elected community members who set the district's vision and goals, and oversee the budget and the superintendent

Local school principals--Administrators who manage school operations, including instructional leadership, student discipline, and budget oversight

Arts education associations

Dance Education Association of Washington (DEAW)--The professional organization for dance educators in schools, studios, etc.; Statewide chapter of National Dance Educators Association (NDEO)

Washington Art Education Association (WAEA)--The professional organization for visual and media arts educators in schools, museums, etc.; Statewide chapter of National Art Education Association (NAEA)

Washington Music Educators Association (WMEA)--The professional organization for K-12 music educators; Statewide chapter of National Association for Music Education (NAfME)

Washington Thespians--The professional organization for K-12 theatre educators and directors; Statewide chapter of the national Theatre Education Association (EdTA)

Washington Association for Career and Technical Education-- The professional organization for CTE educators including "Arts, Entertainment, & Design"; statewide chapter of Association for Career and Technical Education (ACTE)

*The **National Association of Media Arts Education (NAMAE)** launched in 2024 and does not yet have state chapters.

State arts leaders

ArtsWA-- Formed by the Washington State Legislature in 1961 as the Washington State Arts Commission, this state arts agency has many programs including an Arts in Education (AIE) Program which expands arts education access through grants, professional development, youth leadership opportunities, and ongoing research.

Inspire Washington--Statewide advocacy organization supporting arts, heritage, and science access. Formed from the merger of the Washington State Arts Alliance and Cultural Access Washington.

Arts for All--A collective impact project striving to ensure access to quality arts classes and resources for all students in Washington's PreK-12 public school system. Led by a coalition of diverse voices across the state's regions.

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