

Highlights from



The Arts Education Field Guide

The Ecosystem of Partners, Players, and Policymakers
in the Field of Arts Education

Look inside for two different illustrations of the complex web of partners, players, and policy makers in the ecosystem of arts education. Know who the key players and decision makers are. Find new allies. Understand your relationship with other stakeholders in arts education.

This brochure summarizes each of the key players in arts education. But you can use our full length publication, ***The Arts Education Field Guide***, to see what unique role each person plays in this ecosystem. Read more about how all of these players interact.

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Tiers of Influence

The structure of our education system is often seen as a linear hierarchy, but each partner below has a different role and a different amount of influence. Your strongest ally is not always just one step above, below, or beside you. How can we build more relationships within and between tiers in order to help arts education thrive within this ecosystem?

- White House • Congress • U.S. Department of Education • National School Board Association
- National PTA • National Association of State Boards of Education • Arts Education Partnership
- Americans for the Arts • National Associations for the Various Arts Disciplines • State Agencies of Education Directors of Arts Education • Kennedy Center Alliance for Arts Education Network
- American Association of School Administrators • National Endowment for the Arts
- National Education Association

Federal

- State Legislatures • State Department of Education • State Board of Education • State Superintendent
- State Department of Education's Director of Arts Education • State Arts Agency • State Arts Advocacy Organization • State Alliance for Arts Education • Governor and Lt. Governor • Teachers Unions State Affiliates

State

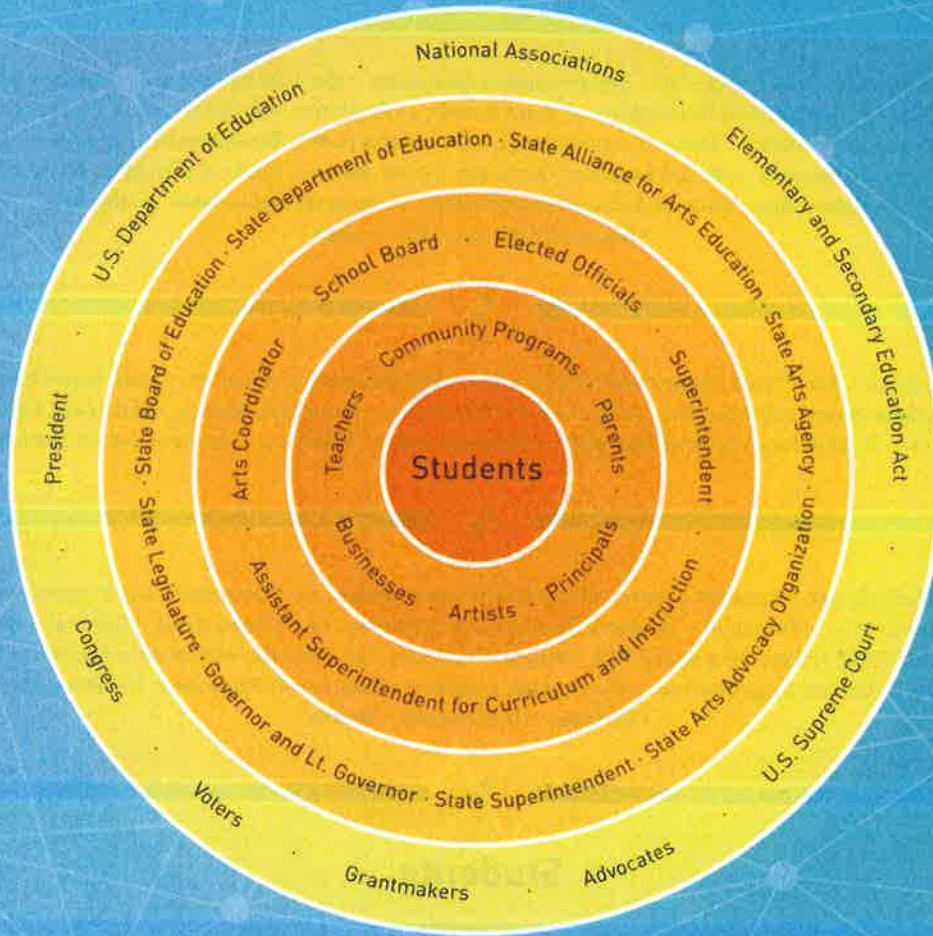
- School Board • Superintendent • Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction
- Arts Coordinator • Principal • Teachers Unions Local Affiliates • Arts Specialists • General Teachers
- Teaching Artists • Parents / PTA • Mayors • City Elected Officials • Local Arts Agencies
- Arts & Culture Organizations • Community Leaders • Community Programs • Grantmakers
- Colleges • Businesses • Voters

Local

Students

Spheres of Influence

This representation of the arts education field flips the power structure by putting students at the center, and it illuminates possible relationships between stakeholders. Who is already in your network? What new connections do you see? Who can become your new partner or ally?



Understanding the Field of Arts Education

Learning in the arts enables every individual to develop the critical thinking, collaborative, and creative skills necessary to succeed in today's ever-changing world. Americans for the Arts envisions a country where every child has access to—and takes part in—high quality learning experiences in the arts, both in school and in the community.

But it takes a village to provide a well-rounded education to every child. That's where you come in. Use our 30+ page publication, *The Arts Education Field Guide*, to walk you through making those connections and partnerships that will strengthen arts education in your community.

Using *The Arts Education Field Guide*

Use this brochure to identify the decision-makers that you want to influence, and then refer to our full-length publication, *The Arts Education Field Guide*, to find information about that stakeholder and his or her relationship to the field of arts education. The *Field Guide* will help you understand each person's motivations and connections in arts education, allowing you to build more effective relationships from the schoolhouse to the White House and from the living room to the boardroom.

You can use *The Arts Education Field Guide* to inform grantmaking; professional development for teachers; federal, state, and local policy; school board and administrator practice; parental advocacy; nonprofit leadership; and more.

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