



# 2024 LEGISLATIVE PLATFORM

The Legislative Platform is a product of the Center for Fine Arts Education Advocacy Committee

## FINE ARTS ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT RECOGNITION

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- Protect students' rights to be enrolled in sequential fine arts course work.
  - **Support the Florida Seal of Fine Arts Bill HB 523, SB 694. This bill recognizes high school students who meet rigorous benchmarks in fine arts coursework (dance, music, theatre, and/or visual arts) and complete additional requirements to demonstrate mastery and impact beyond the classroom.**
  - Support the Marching Band PE Credit to include Personal Fitness/Physical Education Activity and HOPE (this aligns with JROTC).
  - Support the Dance PE Credit to include Personal Fitness/Physical Education Activity and HOPE (this aligns with JROTC).
- Oppose mandates and/or legislation that may cause unintended consequences of limiting students' access to sequential fine arts course work, including the erosion of the Fine Arts Credit.
- **Support the modest funding request for the Arts Education Data Dashboard Project.**

## EDUCATION FUNDING

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- Adequate, equitable funding is critically important to ensure a world-class education for all Florida students.
- Support increased funding to address the needs of all students to provide a high-quality and comprehensive education that includes access to high quality arts programs.
- Provide school districts with flexibility and autonomy to best meet the needs of all students.

## EDUCATION ACCOUNTABILITY

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- Provide school districts with the flexibility and autonomy to respond to local needs to create an even playing field with other school choice options.
- Require the same accountability for all schools and school options receiving state funding.
- **Support revised accountability measures that would recognize fine arts as part of school grades or as part of a new accountability system.**

## TEACHER RECRUITMENT & RETENTION

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- Increase teacher salaries in a meaningful, sustainable manner to attract and retain highly effective teachers. Address salary compression issues for experienced teachers as well as boosting starting salaries.
- Incentivize students to enter the teaching profession.
- Incentivize content area professionals to consider career change to the teaching profession.