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Honors in the Arts: Coming Soon



We've heard you. Teachers across the state have shared the need for Honors-level options at the entrance levels in Dance, Music, Theatre, and Visual Arts (Novice, Developing, Beginning, Intermediate) that reflect the rigor, depth, and creativity inherent in arts learning. The Arts Education team is excited to share that we are developing new Honors-level guidance for high

school current standard-level offerings, with a rollout planned for the 2027–2028 school year.

Over the next year and a half, we'll be engaging educators across the state to ensure these courses reflect authentic arts rigor and support both teachers and students in meaningful ways. Regional training, sample curriculum supports, and webinars will all be part of the preparation process, so that by the time these courses are available, every district will have the tools and guidance needed to implement them confidently.

More information and opportunities to provide feedback will be shared through your District Arts Education Leader and our upcoming regional sessions.

Regional Training Announced for SCOS and Honors Implementation

A.M. Session: 2024 SCOS

This half-day workshop helps Arts Ed teachers take the next step with the new SCOS after six months in the classroom. You'll explore essential tools on the Arts Ed Hub, unpack standards for clarity, and refine your own lessons or units for stronger alignment. Come ready to collaborate, troubleshoot challenges, and leave with resources you can use tomorrow.

This session is for K-12 Arts Educators and District Arts Education Leaders

P.M. Description: Local Honors Implementation of Entrance Levels

This regional session will support districts in preparing for the launch of Honors-level Arts Education courses at the Novice, Developing, Beginning, and Intermediate levels in 2027–28. Participants will explore state expectations for Honors coursework and work in school-based teams to begin developing locally aligned honors tasks, assessments, and instructional approaches that reflect authentic arts rigor.

This session is for High School Arts Educators, District Arts Education Leaders, and Honors Implementation Coordinators

TIMES:

- A.M. Session: Check-in 8:30-9am, Training is 9am-12pm. CEU's provided.
- P.M. Session: Check in 12:30-1pm. Training is 1pm -4pm. CEU's provided.

PD LOCATIONS & DATES

- **Region 1/Northeast:** Tuesday, January 27th: Martin Innovation Campus, 411 East Boulevard, Williamston, NC
- **Region 2/Southeast:** Wednesday, January 28th: The COAST Brunswick County Schools, 1109 Old Ocean Hwy, Bolivia, NC
- **Region 3/North Central:** SCOS - Wednesday, March 4th *1-4pm* & Honors - Wednesday, April 15th 1-4pm: Durham Charter School, 4621 Kemp Rd, Durham, NC
- **Region 4/Sandhills:** Tuesday, February 10th: Gentry Educator Development Center, 114 Porter Drive, Erwin, NC
- **Region 5/Piedmont-Triad:** Wednesday, February 4th: JB and Claire Davis Corporate Training Center at Randolph Community College, 413 Industrial Park Ave. Asheboro, NC
- **Region 6/Southwest:** Tuesday, February 3rd: Unity Center, 1145 Salisbury Rd, Statesville, NC

- **Region 7/Northwest:** Monday, April 20th: Catawba Valley Community College Workforce Solutions Complex, 1980 Startown Rd., Hickory, NC
- **Region 8/Western:** Tuesday, April 21st: Hazelwood Conference Center, 112 Virginia Ave, Waynesville, NC

[Register Here](#)

Art Workshop: Windows of Ukraine



The Center for Slavic,
Eurasian and East European
Studies

ART workshop

BOOK your WINDOW



FREE EVENT



Join us for
Windows of Ukraine

Take a break and create with us! Relax from all the worries, enjoy art, and feel the beauty of creation. No experience needed — all materials (and snacks!) are provided.

Participants will hear a short presentation about the project, then take part in a hands-on art workshop, using old windows as canvases.



Where: FedEx Global Education Center, 4th Floor, UNC-Chapel Hill campus
When: December 18, 5.30pm

PNCC Updates

PNCC Orff Chapter Share

Join the Piedmont NC Chapter of the American Orff-Schulwerk Association for our Annual Chapter Share workshop, where attendees will walk away with fresh, immediately applicable ideas for the general music classroom. CEU certificates will be available for attendees following the workshop. All registered participants will also be entered to win a special door prize during the event.

When: January 10, 2026

Time: 9:00 AM–1:00 PM

Where: Robinson Hall for the Performing Arts, UNC–Charlotte

Registration

Link: [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSetqBWs2hjrTskJnXD7t5npX_TsfBiPwaSS7mKcLIYMrhQwJA/viewform]

PNCC Orff Summer Orff Course

Join PNCC Orff for the 2026 Summer Orff Level I Course at UNC Charlotte, a two-week immersive training designed for music educators seeking to deepen their musicianship and teaching practice. Participants will engage in hands-on learning in pedagogy, movement, recorder, and creative music-making, gaining practical strategies they can immediately apply in the classroom. This nationally recognized AOSA-certified course provides a strong foundation in the Orff Schulwerk approach and supports teachers in building joyful, engaging music experiences for students. Registration details and required materials will be shared upon enrollment.

When: July 20– July 31, 2026

Time: 8:00 AM–4:00 PM, Monday-Friday

Where: Robinson Hall for the Performing Arts, UNC–Charlotte

Registration

Link: [<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScD0Kg8b5wNL2f1GZ7S3d1e5m2FfwT3H-d5qLAVsvOcUCe1ig/viewform>]

Scholarship Opportunities

Scholarships for Orff training are now available!

- **AOSA Scholarships:** [<https://aosa.org/programs-events/scholarships-grants/>]
- **Orff-Schulwerk Training Course Scholarships:** [<https://www.westmusic.com/jeanna-mcgloughlin-scholarship?srltid=AfmBOopwzYm2QYS9wKRdHhpJ6iQj3g8nEc5OB-vF-4qOlZqUjli1V4->]

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NCCAE

Support Arts In Education, where imagination thrives and students discover their unique voices. Join us in this meaningful mission and be a part of shaping a brighter, more inspired tomorrow.

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Welcome to the North Carolina Arts Council Arts Education Corner! The *North Carolina Arts Council Arts Education Corner* is a new monthly newsletter feature supporting arts educators statewide. Each month, we'll share valuable resources, highlight opportunities for teachers and students, and showcase the incredible work of schools, organizations and teaching artists who are making an impact in their communities.

Happy Holidays!

The North Carolina Arts Council staff wish you a joyful winter break! If you're looking for festive ways to celebrate, explore our curated list of [Holiday Art Markets](#) happening across the state—perfect for finding unique gifts and supporting local artists.

Visit Our Arts Ed Hub for More Information!

External Implementation Guide (EIG)

go.ncdpi.gov/AE-HUB



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North Carolina's Vision for Comprehensive Arts Education

In today's globally competitive world, innovative thinking and creativity are essential for all school children. High quality, standards-based instruction in the arts develops these skills and effectively engages, retains, and prepares future-ready students for graduation and success in an entrepreneurial economy. Dance, music, theatre arts, and visual arts, taught by licensed arts educators and integrated throughout the curriculum, are critical to North Carolina's 21st century education. (Senate Bill 66: Comprehensive Arts Education Task Force, 2010)



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