



California Arts Advocacy Toolkit CCSESA FACTS-AT-A-GLANCE

- Who:** California County Superintendents Educational Services Association (CCSESA)
- What:** California's 58 County Superintendents of Schools and their respective county offices of education support the financial and academic stability of every district and school in the state. The primary aim of County Superintendents is to work collaboratively with school districts to ensure that every student benefits from a quality educational experience, regardless of their circumstances.
- CCSESA provides the organizational mechanism for county superintendents to design and implement statewide programs, carry out and lead significant policy initiatives, legislative mandates, etc. to ensure consistent statewide application and standards.
- Mission:** CCSESA's mission is to strengthen the service and leadership capabilities of California's 58 County Superintendents in support of students, schools, districts and communities.
- Goals:** Provide enhanced services and resources to districts to support continuous improvement in student achievement with particular focus on closing the achievement gap.
- Advocate for effective policies and adequate resources for public education through involvement in federal and state legislative processes.
- Acting in a preventive, proactive manner to ensure the academic and fiscal stability of school districts.
- Arts Education**
- Goals:** The California County Superintendents Educational Services Association (CCSESA) believes that every student needs and deserves a high-quality education in the arts, including the subject areas of dance, music, theatre, and visual arts as part of a comprehensive curriculum.
- The CCSESA Arts Initiative, sponsored by The William and Flora Hewlett Foundation, is taking a leadership role in providing support, technical assistance, and services for teachers, administrators, and parents. The CCSESA Initiative is designed to build capacity and provide continued support to schools and districts by offering a full complement of services utilizing the statewide county office of education infrastructure. Under the grant, county superintendents work with the business community and the arts community to begin a systemic state (research, resources, support) and local (data gathering, education, courses of study, and professional development) approach to bringing the arts into the classroom at every grade level.
- Arts Education**
- Efforts:** Selected eleven regional arts education leads.
- Completed a statewide survey, the California Arts Education Strategic Task Force Report.
- Sponsor the Visual and Performing Arts Cyberconference and the State of the Arts Leadership in Education Conference.
- Website:** www.ccsesa.org or www.ccsesaarts.org.