

ARTS EDUCATION TEACHER SUPPORT



TEACHER SUPPORT AT A GLANCE

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PEORIA UNIFIED ARTS EDUCATION MISSION

The mission of the Peoria Unified Arts Education Department is to promote artistic literacy, personal expression, innovation and critical thinking. By providing all Peoria Unified students the opportunity to experience and engage in the Arts, we support the academic, creative, collaborative and emotional needs of our students, equipping them to become critical thinkers and to shape the future of an ever-changing world.

Support Team for New Educators

Support for teachers who are new to the Peoria Arts Education Team focuses on connection, targeted content, and tangible support through a dedicated team at the district level, content-specific mentors and site-level support.

ARTS EDUCATION DISTRICT-LEVEL SUPPORT

District-wide, Robert, Stacy and Justina are here to support you!



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NEW TEACHER ORIENTATION

We kick off the new educator support with New Teacher Orientation. During this two-day workshop, new team members will be introduced to everything from technology access in Peoria Unified to how to order supplies for your Arts Classroom. Time is also devoted to content-specific needs with content mentors, so that you get the information that's most important to you prior to the start of the year. We continue this support throughout the year in "NTO-X" (New Teacher Orientation Extended), with brief discussion of timely topics relevant to all new Peoria Unified Arts Education team members.

ARTS EDUCATION MENTORS

Each first year educator is connected with a content-based mentor to receive ongoing support for curriculum and resources, instructional strategies, classroom environment and specific items related to your position.

Professional Collaboration

CREATIVE COMMUNITIES

Arts Educators have the opportunity to collaborate with other Educators in their content area in Creative Communities. These choice-based communities focus on collaboration around a specific skill, topic, strategy, grade level, etcetera.

ARTS EDUCATION ADVISORY TEAM

A team of Arts Educators collaborates to advise the Arts Education Department in how to best support students, teachers and the community.

Professional Learning

DISTRICT-WIDE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- Choice based
- Offered in a variety of formats, including in-person, online, and on-demand
- Content offerings in all Arts content areas, as well technology, instructional strategies, Special Education, Social Emotional Learning, and more
- Opportunities for Arts Educators to prepare, present and facilitate Professional Development
- "Instructional Rounds": Same-content classroom observations with a focus on learning from others

ARTS EDUCATION RESOURCES

Needs Assessment

We consistently seek educator feedback to determine and provide resource needs

Dedicated Funding

District Arts Education dedicated budget and dedicated allocation for each Elementary Art classroom

Technology Based Resources

Arts Educators have access to resources such as SmartMusic, Essential Elements Music Classroom, Photo Shop, MixCraft, Quaver, & Sight Reading Factory



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PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND CONFERENCES

All Arts Educators have access to a Professional Membership to connect with other experts in the field, obtain aligned resources, and engage in on-demand professional development. Educators have the opportunity to attend local conferences offered by professional organization, as funding allows.

Community Engagement & Advocacy

ELEMENTARY EQUITY STANDARDS

With 33 Elementary Schools, each campus has its own culture and community, but one consistency is access to Arts Education in all grade levels. Across the district, all K-6 students are enrolled in music and art, while Junior High students have the opportunity to develop skills in their chosen Arts area. Equity standards ensure this access and guaranteed time district-wide.

PEORIA ARTS AND CULTURAL FESTIVAL

The Peoria Arts and Cultural Festival brings over 15,000 members of the Peoria Unified community together to celebrate student artists and musicians, honor Arts Educators and advocate for Arts Education. Want to see the Arts Festival in action? Visit www.PeoriaUnified.org/ArtsFestival

ARTS IN EDUCATION WEEK

Peoria Unified is proud to take part in the nationwide celebration of Arts in Education Week! Throughout this week in September, District Administrative Offices and school sites share advocacy resources and engage communities in celebrating Arts Education through performances and hands-on experiences.

ART SHOWS AND PERFORMANCES

In addition to showcasing student artwork and performances throughout the year at the campus level, we love to share our young musicians and artists with others! Community members can visit the District Administrative Center to see rotating artwork on display, attend a Peoria Unified Honor Band or Honor Choir performance, or one of the many High School Feeder Festivals or Theatre Performances throughout the district.