



2020 Legislative Platform

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

Elevate Arts Education for All Florida Students

Protect students' rights to be enrolled in sequential fine arts course work by opposing mandates that may cause unintended consequences.

- ***Support the Florida Seal of Fine Arts Program for high school graduates bill – Senate Bill 1100 – House Bill 1123. This bill recognizes students who successfully complete a rigorous sequential program of arts education in dance, music, theatre, and/or visual arts and complete additional community requirements.***
- Oppose bills that restrict students' access to high quality arts programs
- Oppose bills that erode the Fine Arts graduation credit.

Address Teacher Shortage to retain and attract qualified teachers to Florida

- Increase teacher salaries in a meaningful sustainable manner to attract and retain highly effective teachers.
- Support proper reporting of the arts education teacher shortage. (Currently Florida does not list music or arts as a shortage area despite the shortage of arts educators).

Keep Students and Schools Safe

Provide students, educators, volunteers, parents with safe and productive learning environments.

- Strengthen arts programs to ensure all students have access to well-rounded education.
- Arts programs support mental health initiatives by providing students creative outlets and rigorous curriculum that honors student voice. Support the ***Florida Seal of Fine Arts Program for high school graduates legislation.***

Enhance Early Childhood Education

Recognize the importance of early childhood education for children from birth to grade 2. All young children have the capacities for learning in the arts

- ***Support Senate Bill 156 sponsored by Senator Keith Perry.***