



Kennedy Center Alliance for Arts Education Network
Schools of Distinction in Arts Education Award Program
John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts
Schools of Excellence in Arts Education Award

State Level Nomination Checklist

- Completed State Level Nomination Form
- Completed State Level Nomination Questions
- Two copies of work samples: DVD of students' work, exhibits, class activities and/or performances (examples of all four arts disciplines are preferred). Preferred DVD examples include footage of teaching and learning, in addition to student performance.

Please note: DVDs should be no longer than 20 minutes in length. Check each DVD in its entirety on various players to be sure they are working properly before sending to your State Alliance.

- Video Release Form (if applicable)
- Letter from the Principal, which includes a statement regarding the school's academic ranking in comparison to other schools in the state (required)

Principals should also indicate in their letter if they are a member of NAESP (National Association of Elementary School Principals) and/or NASSP (National Association of Secondary School Principals), and/or their state affiliate organizations. (Membership is not required for your school to receive the award.)

- A paragraph (150-300 words) which could be used for public distribution that provides a summary description of the school's arts programs



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State Level Nomination Form

This form may be photocopied if additional forms are needed. Please type or print.

Nominated School Information

School Name _____

Principal _____ School District _____

School Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Fax _____ Email _____

Grade Levels _____ Magnet School: Yes ___ No ___ Integrated Arts School: Yes ___ No ___

Nominated School Primary Contact Information

Name _____

Title _____

Organization _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Fax _____ Email _____

Please return this form with checklist and nomination questions to:

State Alliance: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Fax: _____

Email: _____



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State Level Nomination Questions

Please complete on separate pages, not to exceed a total of eight (8) pages.

Font size must be 12 point type and margins must be one inch.

1. Please provide a brief description of how arts education is an **essential component** of your school's curriculum. Are the arts integrated with several subject areas or taught as specific subjects? Which classes are taught during the school day and which after school (indicate beside the class name whether the class is taught during school or before/after school)? Please provide a LIST of classes indicating how frequently they are taught per week or month. Also indicate which classes are regular or electives.

Please include information on the roles and numbers of arts specialists in the following format:

Total Numbers of Arts Teachers in the School

Art Form	Number of Teachers Employed Full-Time	Number of Teachers Employed Part-Time
Visual Arts		
Music		
Theater		
Dance		

2. Explain how the nominated program creates and uses **creative approaches to learning** and provides appropriate learning environments for teaching the arts.
3. Please give specific examples of the opportunities provided for **parental involvement** in the educational lives of their children through hands-on, creative arts-based activities.
4. How does this program provide students opportunities for **learning about other cultures** through the arts?
5. How does this program link arts education to the community and provide **community connections** that offer students diverse experiences beyond the classroom? Describe community arts events that come into the school, as well as events outside the school that students attend.
6. Please provide whatever **academic ranking(s)** is/are available that serves as testimony to how your students are achieving in comparison to other students in the district, state, and nation. Please be specific. The comparison of your students to others in your state is of particular interest. Also, please include information about your enrollment and the demographics of your school.