

The Life-Changing Magic of Art in Schools

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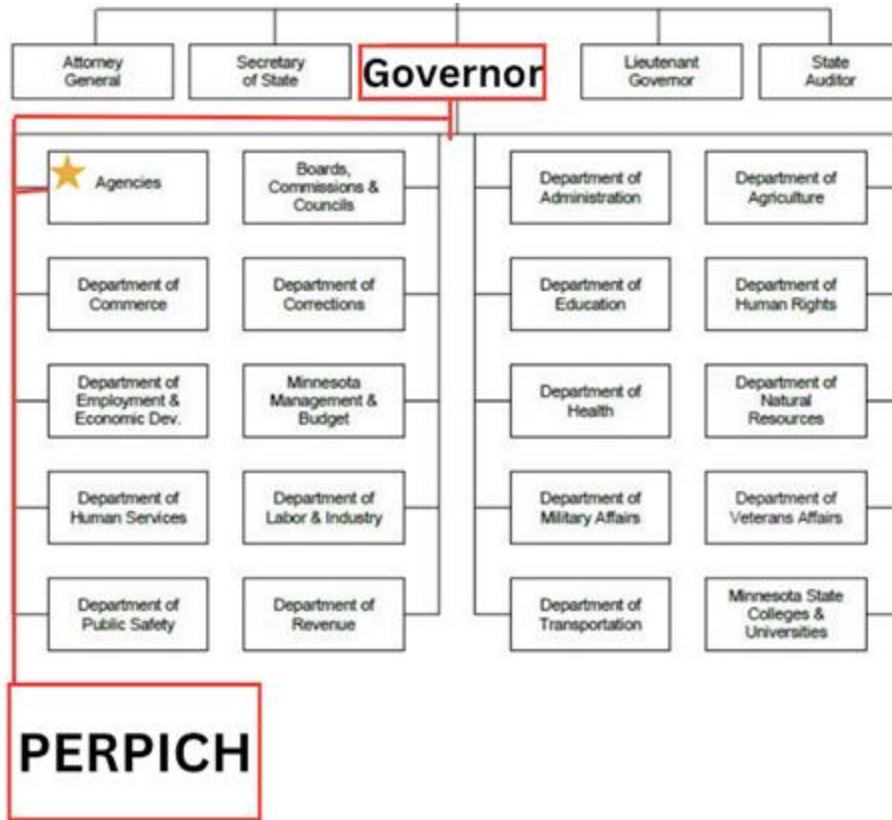




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**From Vision to Reality:
How Perpich Walks with Districts
Every Step of the Way to
Improve Your Arts Education Program**



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Perpich is Unique

State Agency

- Governor
- MMB Policies
(MN Management
and Budget)

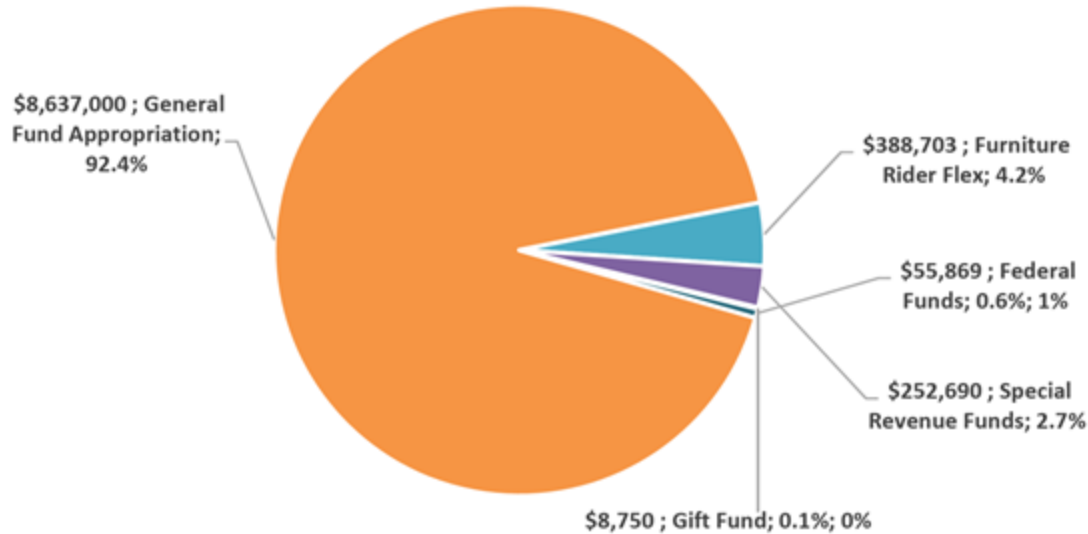
Perpich Center for Arts Education

Public School

- MDE
- MSBA Policies
(Minnesota School
Board Association)

How is Perpich Center for Arts Education Funded?

FY2026 Projected Funding Sources
Total Revenue Budget = \$9,343,012



What Perpich is Currently Doing for You

<https://bit.ly/amspdperpich>



Perpich Center for Arts Education
Professional Development and Resource Programs (PDR)
Opportunities to Support Minnesota Educators – AT NO COST

SCHOOL DISTRICTS/CHARTER SCHOOLS, EDUCATORS/ADMINISTRATORS SERVED

Fiscal year	Total Events	School Districts/Charter Schools	Total Points of Contact	Distinct Points of Contact		
				Arts Educators	Non-Arts Educators	Administrators
FY25	313	275	2,755	1,467	400	107
FY24	373	256	2,498	1,105	329	137
FY23	352	211	1,578	739	140	83

AMSD School Members + Perpich Data .xlsx

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1	FY 24 & FY 25 Data	3-2024 Unique Points of Contact	2023-2024 Unique Points of Contact	In-District, Customized Development by Request
2	Statewide	498	1,571	
3	Anoka-Hennepin Schools	44	16	
4	Bloomington Public Schools	2	2	
5	Brooklyn Center Community Schools	3	2	
6	Buffalo-Hanover-Montrose Schools	23	15	15 Music (Oct 2023)
7	Burnsville-Eagan-Savage School District	20	7	
8	Centennial School District	1	1	
9	Columbia Heights Public Schools	8	3	
10	Duluth Public Schools	61	13	
11	Eastern Carver County Schools	2	2	

+ ≡ PDR Arts High School





Arts High School

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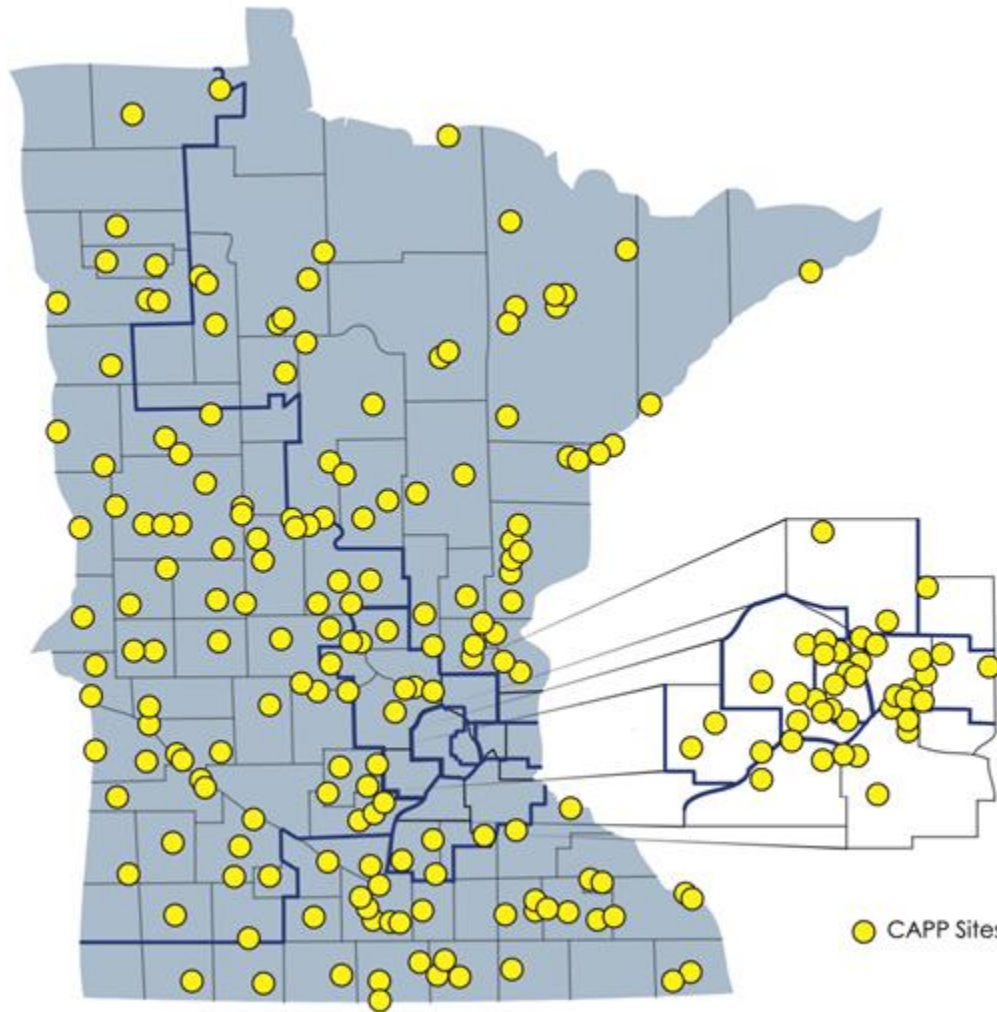
What is CAPP?



Support to plan/improve K-12 Arts programming

- **Year 1:** Arts program analysis → 3-year strategic plan
- **Year 2:** First year of Strategic Plan implementation
 - Continues 2 years beyond Perpich support
- As of 2025-2027, funding is based on number of K-12 arts areas in the plan (Subs, PD)





20th Cohort!

206 Districts

75-45,000 Students
impacted per
district

2023-2025 Cohort	2025-2027 Cohort
● Bluffview Montessori (Winona) ● Central (Norwood Young America) ● Chisholm ● Duluth ● Hopkins ● MACCRAY ● St. Cloud ● Yellow Medicine East	● Academias La Paz (St. Paul) ● Alexandria ● Big Lake ● Brainerd ● International Spanish Language Academy (Edina) ● Inver Grove Heights ● Kasson-Mantorville ● Little Falls ● Waconia

St. Cloud Area School District



Apollo High School



Apollo High School



Building the Plan



Direction #1: Connect to the Community



Direction #2: Diversity, Equity, and Access



Direction #3: Support for Staff



Early Impact and What's Next



District unveils comprehensive arts strategic plan centered on community partnerships, access and staff support

January 23, 2025 | St. Cloud Public School District, School Boards, Minnesota



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✦ **Plus:** Ask questions about this article.

The St. Cloud Area School District on Jan. 22 received a presentation on a districtwide comprehensive arts strategic plan developed through a Perpich Center partnership. Laura Seppner, director of elementary education, and Maren Wagner, co-chair of the planning team, described priorities intended to expand access to arts instruction and strengthen ties with community arts organizations.



Closing



St. Cloud Area School District

Learning for a lifetime. It's our promise to you.



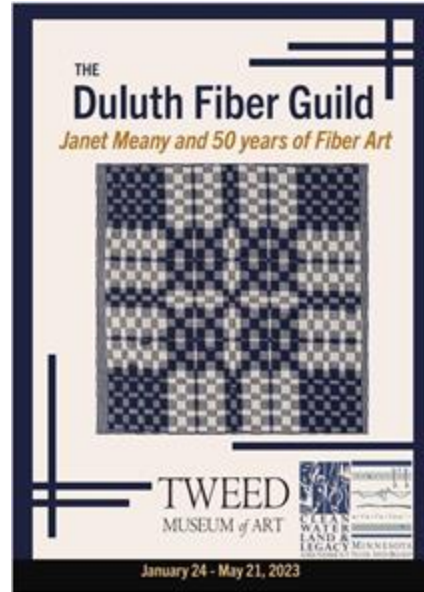
Duluth Example - Opening



Building the Plan



Direction #1: Partnerships, Collaboration & Connection



Direction #2: Media Arts



Direction #3: Systems and Protocols

The poster has a background of overlapping yellow and orange circles. At the top, the title "State of the Arts" is written in a large, black, cursive script. Below it, the text "PANEL ENVISIONING" is in a bold, black, sans-serif font. The event details are listed in a smaller, black, sans-serif font: "Tuesday, February 25", "4:30 - 6:30 PM", "Toasty's Downtown", and "324 W Superior St, Duluth". A paragraph of text follows: "Join arts, education, business and civic leaders in sharing the State of the Arts in our city, and envisioning where we could go in the future!". At the bottom left, it says "Sponsored by the Comprehensive Arts Planning Program grant awarded to the Duluth Public Schools by Perpich Center for Arts Education". To the right of this text is a QR code with the label "RSVP HERE!" above it.

State of the Arts

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Early Impact and Reflection



East prepares to share 'Alice by Heart' regional debut

'Alice's Adventures in Wonderland' told through a different lens as teenagers struggle to survive the London Blitz in 'Alice by Heart' at Duluth East High School starting Oct. 23.



Alice, played by senior Bea Martin, center masked, is surrounded by the arms and legs of the caterpillar at the end of the number "Chillin' the Regrets" in "Alice by Heart" rehearsal at Duluth East High School on Oct. 14. Teri Cadeau / Duluth Media Group



Closing



First Name Only: Keandre
Medium: Mixed

Teacher Name: Michelle Milder



Apply for the Next CAPP Cohort?

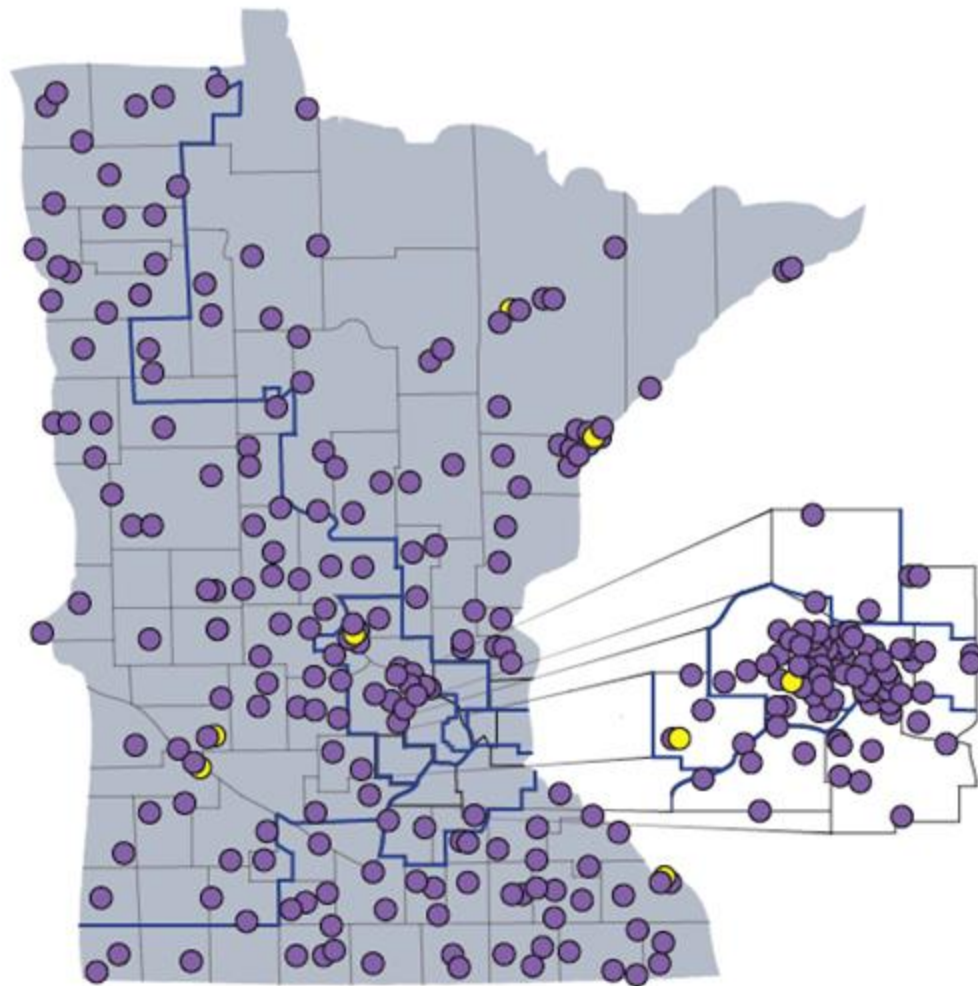
- Next cohort is 2027-2029
- Application window opens Dec 2026
- Applications likely written by Arts teachers who would become co-chairs + a district liaison

What is Available NOW?

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Six Arts Education Specialists!

Dance • Theater • Music • Visual & Media Arts • Leadership & Data • CAPP



2024-2025 School Year

275 Districts served by
the PDR team

2,755 Points of contact

1,467 Arts educators

400 Non-arts educators

107 Administrators

Professional Development Customized for District Needs



**ELY TEACHERS
WORK WITH
DANCE EDUCATION
SPECIALIST MARY
HARDING**

Dance (also Physical Education)

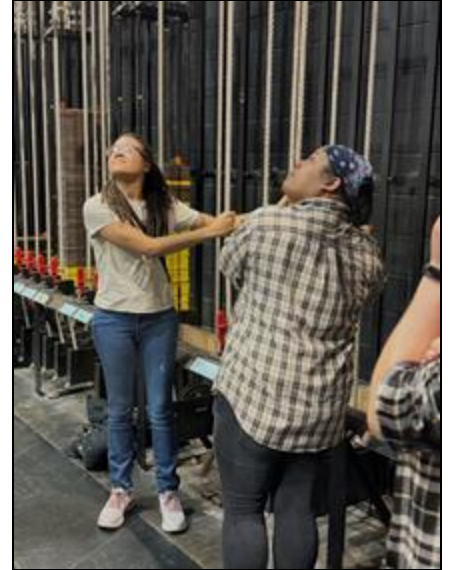
Theater (also ELA)

Music

Visual & Media Arts

Leadership & Data

Workshops Open to MN Educators/Administrators



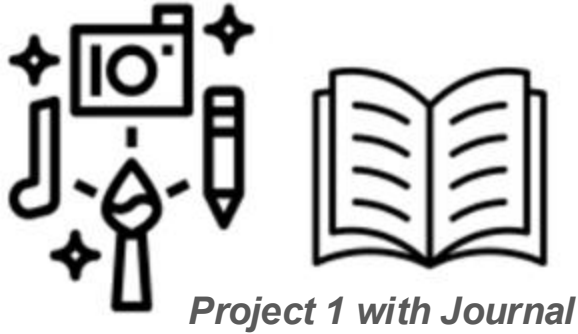
Multi-Session Cohorts



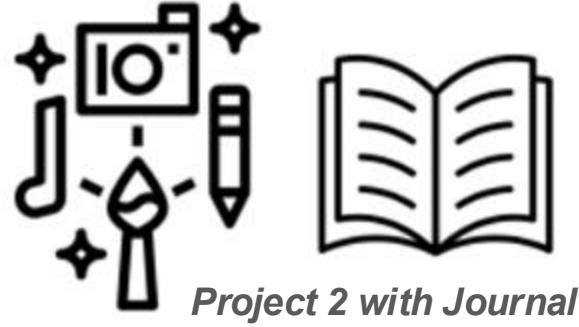
Elementary Art Cohort
Media Arts Cohorts 1 & 2
Theater Mentors

MN Reflective Artist Award

11th & 12th



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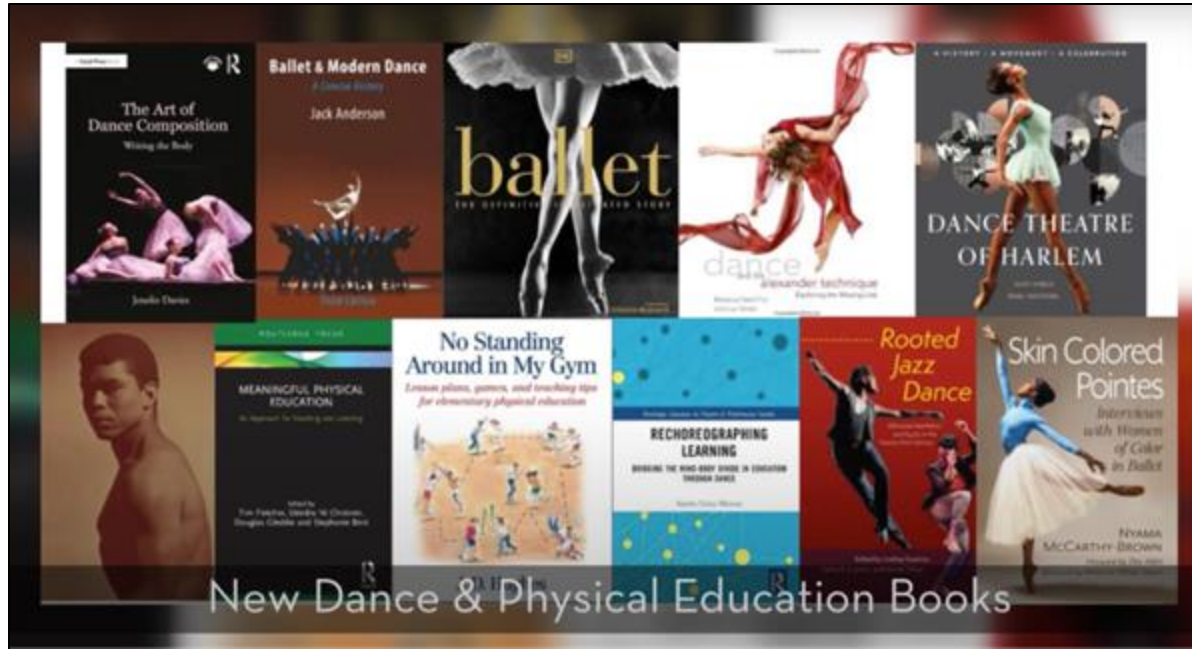


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Professional
Collection

Children's Arts &
Diversity Collection



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