

School District Arts Coordinator Convening

Thursday, January 29, 2026 | 9:30AM – 11:30AM

Agenda

- I. **Welcome**
 - Arts & Culture
- II. **Warm up Activity: [Creative Wellbeing](#)**
 - Arts and Healing Initiative: Litera-SEA (Social Emotional Arts), “What’s in a Name” activity
- III. **Discussion: Sharing Approaches to Arts Education**

Three district colleagues presented highlights, approaches, challenges, and learnings:

 - Emil Ahangarzadeh, Glendale Unified
 - Meeting teacher needs with CTE, multi-subject credentials, and classified teaching assistants; developing and adopting performing arts curriculum for elementary
 - Jessica Jackman Uy, Claremont Unified
 - SALT (Site Arts Lead Teachers) Program; using Advancement Grant funds for planning, curriculum and materials; working with community partners; student leadership
 - Catherine Brunell, Whittier Union
 - Updating Ethnic Studies coursework to integrate Visual and Performing Arts curriculum.
- IV. **Advancement Grant & Strategic Plan Coaching**

2026-27 Advancement Grant applications and Strategic Plan coaching requests are being accepted until 6:00PM, Wednesday, March 25, 2026.

 - [Advancement Grants](#) webpage – read guidelines, sign up for office hours, and apply.
 - i. [Review the FAQ](#) for a quick reference of the program or to share with colleagues.
 - [Strategic Plan Coaching](#) webpage – learn about the planning process and request a coach.
- V. **Opportunities and Resources**
 - Jeannine Flores, LA County Office of Ed – [February 2026, Arts and STEAM Newsletter](#)
 - [CA Arts Ed Landscape 2025 report](#), February 18, 2026, 10A (virtual)
 - [San Gabriel Valley Phoenix Poet Anthology](#) – submission deadline is April 1, 2026
- VI. **Thank you and Close**
 - Tell us what you think! Take our brief [post event survey](#)
 - [School District Arts Coordinator Network webpage](#)