

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](#)