

Arts Advocacy Websites

National Organizations

Americans for the Arts www.americansforthearts.org/get_involved/advocate.asp

Information on policy & advocacy, research & information, professional development, partnerships and visibility of the arts and arts in education. They also have a variety of listservs to help parents and teachers stay informed.

American Music Conference www.amc-music.com/advocacy/toolkit.htm

A powerful collection of sample letters, press releases and research summaries to bolster support for music education in your local area.

In leading the annual survey, AMC is joined by a partnership of leading organizations in the fields of music and education: The Mr. Holland's Opus Foundation (www.mhopus.org); The Metropolitan Opera Guild (www.operaed.org); Music for All (www.musicforall.org); Music Teachers National Association (www.mtna.org); NAMM, The International Music Products Association (www.namm.org); National Guild of Community Schools of the Arts (www.nationalguild.org); National School Boards Association (www.nsba.org); Yamaha Corporation of America (www.yamaha.com) and VH1 Save The Music Foundation (www.vh1savethemusic.com).

ArtsEdge artsedge.kennedy-center.org/connect/aes.cfm

A program of the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, ArtsEdge – the national Arts and Education Network – supports the placement of the arts at the center of curriculum and advocates creative use of technology to enhance education. Website provides many advocacy tools.

Arts Education Partnership www.aep-arts.org/resources/advocacy.htm

Information and guidance to assist arts education organizations and partnerships to advocate for the arts at national, state and local levels and learn about government funding at the federal and state levels.

Education Commission of the States

www.ecs.org/ecsmain.asp?page=/html/publications/home_publications.asp

Provides good national research and information on what individual states are doing for arts in education programs. Click on Education Issues, browse for Arts in Education and the information will be listed.

Educational Theatre Association

www.edta.org/professional_resources/advocacy/default.aspx

The National Association for Theatre Education and the home for the International Thespian Society, as well as Dramatics Magazine.

Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts

www.kennedy-center.org/education/kcaaen/home.html

The Kennedy Center Alliance for Arts Education Network (KCAAEN) is a coalition of statewide non-profit Alliances for Arts Education that speak out on behalf of arts education to citizens, policy makers, state agencies and others about the value and benefits of arts education.

Keep Arts in Schools www.KeepArtsInSchools.org

Information to enable parents, teachers and arts education advocates to promote the arts.

Music Educators National Conference www.menc.org/information/advocacy/main.html

The National Association for Music Education which provides good advocacy tools as well as information about their *Music in Our Schools Month* program.

Music For All www.musicforall.org/Resources/Advocacy/Resources.aspx

Provides access to valuable information and resources to support music and the arts in education and communities.

National Dance Association

www.aahperd.org/nda/template.cfm?template=advocacy.html

Advocacy kit to help promote healthy lifestyles through dance curriculum, programs and workshops.

National Endowment for the Arts www.arts.gov

Public agency dedicated to supporting excellence in the arts, both new and established; bringing the arts to all Americans; and providing leadership in arts education. Also has good research reports.

National Parent Teacher Association

www.pta.org/local_leadership_subprogram_1181754612156.html

Information about *Start the Art Week* and has an arts education advocacy toolkit.

National Art Education Association www.naea-reston.org/research.html

Links to advocacy kits, resources, campaigns and news media for parents, students, retired educators, arts councils, schools and others concerned about the critical role of the arts in teaching and learning.

VH1 – Save the Music Foundation

www.vh1.com/partners/save_the_music/what_you_can_do/index.html

Includes reference information to build the groundwork for music education advocacy in your community.

State Organizations

Ohio Alliance for Arts Education www.oaae.net/

Website outlines goals and objectives to improve arts education in Ohio for all students and provides tools and resources for advocacy.

Ohio Art Education Association www.oaea.org/index.htm

Supports visual arts teachers and educates citizens and key decision makers about the knowledge, skills and values provided by quality arts education.

Ohio Arts Council www.oac.state.oh.us/

Committed to the economic, educational and cultural development of the state. The Council believes the arts should be shared by the people of Ohio. Also provides funding opportunities for artists in residence programs at schools in Ohio.

Ohio Citizens for the Arts www.ohiocitizensforthearts.org/

E-Advocacy Center, talking points to support the arts, and Advocacy FAQ's included in this resourceful website.

Ohio Dance www.ohiodance.org/ode/advocacy.php

Presents resources that inform, enhance and facilitate the teaching, learning and research of dance.

Ohio Educational Theatre Association www.ohioedta.org/

Strives to help shape the way our leaders think about arts education by providing a list of important issues related to advocating for arts education.

Ohio Music Education Association

www.omea-ohio.org/omea_website/advocacy/advocacy.html

Provides advocacy materials to support music education for use in advocating with parents, school administrators, school board members, legislators and others.