



## Job Description for Arts Education Chairman

The California State PTA believes every child's education should include the arts. The Arts Education Chair at each PTA can help make this happen.

### Key Role of the Arts Education Chairman

- ✦ Support a high-quality arts education for all students
- ✦ Share best practices and programs
- ✦ Tell your school community how the arts improve student success.
- ✦ Work with parents, educators and the community to support arts education
- ✦ Bring together the performing arts community and the school

### Getting Started

- ✦ Find out about the arts education offered at your school, district and/or community
- ✦ Connect with the person at your school district who is in charge of arts education.

### Suggested Activities

- ✦ Speak at unit, council and/or district meetings about the importance of arts education
- ✦ Share program ideas, arts activities and information regarding arts events in your community
- ✦ Attend and/or plan council and district trainings and the California State PTA convention
- ✦ Connect with the PTA *SMARTS Parents for the Arts Network* <http://capta.org/join/join-our-mailing-list/>
- ✦ Read and let your school know about the arts information in the *SMARTS* newsletter
- ✦ Seek partnerships with professional arts organizations in the community
- ✦ Provide a forum for art leaders, teachers, and interested parents to provide, support and coordinate arts events
- ✦ Encourage people to speak at local school board meetings about the importance of arts education

### Resources And References

- ✦ California State PTA *SMARTS Parents for the Arts Network* ([www.capta.org/smarts](http://www.capta.org/smarts))
- ✦ California State PTA website ([www.capta.org](http://www.capta.org))
- ✦ *California State PTA Toolkit*
- ✦ *PTA in California* (official newsletter of the California State PTA)
- ✦ National PTA Reflections Program
- ✦ California State Board of Education Content Standards for the Visual and Performing Arts ([www.cde.ca.gov/be/st/ss/vamain.asp](http://www.cde.ca.gov/be/st/ss/vamain.asp))
- ✦ *Be a Leader for Arts Education* (joint publication of California County Superintendents Educational Services Association (CCSESA) and California State PTA)

There is an abundance of research supporting arts education's direct and positive academic and social benefits for children.

Arts can be integrated into the new state standards in numerous ways.

Arts education encourages creativity—a skill very much in demand by 21<sup>st</sup> Century employers.

