



Arts in Education Leadership Summit
May 8-9, 2025
EdVenture, Columbia, SC

Agenda for May 8

9:30-10:00am Registration Open, Continental Breakfast & Networking

10:00-10:15am Welcome & Introductions

10:15-11:45 Deep Dive Session 1: Professional Development, HR Management, & Teacher Retention

Session Leader: Preston Hazzard, Managing Director of Fine Arts, Frisco Independent School District

Pete Hazzard is the Managing Director of Fine Arts for Frisco ISD, with a distinguished career as a conductor, band director, clinician, and composer whose works are performed across Texas. A passionate educator and leadership consultant, he is also the author of LET'S TAKE IT FROM THE TOP and Gotta Get BACK IN TIME, which draw on his two decades of experience on the conductor's podium.

11:45-12:00pm Morning Break

12:00pm Lunch

12:15-12:45pm Lunch & Learn Topic: South Carolina Arts Assessment Program

The South Carolina Arts Assessment Program (SCAAP) provides arts educators with authentic, performance-based assessments to measure students' arts proficiency.

12:45 - 2:15 Deep Dive Session 2: Arts Opportunities for Differently Abled Learners

Session Leader: Kim Blann, Director of Fine Arts for Keller Independent School District, & Vice President of Texas Fine Arts Administrators Association.

Kim Blann is the Director of Fine Arts for Keller ISD, where she leads a dynamic program spanning 40 campuses and over 33,000 students, and brings a rich background in theatre education and arts leadership. A recognized advocate for arts education statewide, she currently serves as President of the Texas Fine Arts Administrators Association and has been honored with multiple awards for her contributions to the field.

2:15-3:00pm Rural Arts Education Management: Showcasing Professional Work in Schools in Hampton County





Hampton Friends of the Arts, Inc. a nonprofit with a dedicated partnership with the local school district. Besides presenting great art and entertainment across three venues in Downtown Hampton, they engage in educational and community development activities to help their community thrive!

3:00-6:00pm Free Time & Opportunity to Check into Summit Hotel ([Hilton Garden Inn Harbison](#))

Hotel rooms are reserved with event RSVP. Coordinate with PSAE to receive check-in information.

6:00pm Dinner at the Hotel with Hot Spot Networking

*Join us for dinner and networking, even if you're not staying at the hotel!
Let's get to know each other!*



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9:30-10:00am Registration Open, Continental Breakfast & Networking

10:00-10:15am Welcome & Introductions

8:00-8:30am Continental Breakfast & Networking

8:30-10:00am Deep Dive Session 3: Budgeting for Arts Education Programs

Session Leader: Manuel Gamez, Director of Fine Arts, Pflugerville Independent School District, & President of Texas Fine Arts Administrators Association.

Manuel Jesus Gamez is the Director of Fine Arts for Pflugerville ISD and President of the Texas Fine Arts Administrators Association, with a distinguished background as a band director and arts leader across multiple Texas districts. Under his leadership, Pflugerville ISD's arts programs have gained state and national recognition, and he has been instrumental in fostering community identity through district-wide arts initiatives.

10:00-11:30am Deep Dive Session 4: Scheduling Arts Classes

Session Leader: Jeff Bradford, Executive Director of the Fine Arts for the Richardson Independent School District

Jeff Bradford is the Executive Director of Fine Arts for Richardson ISD, with a celebrated career as a band director and arts advocate whose ensembles have earned top honors at state and national levels. A frequent presenter and adjudicator, he also serves as Vice President of TFAA and actively supports community arts initiatives through partnerships with organizations like the AT&T Performing Arts Center and the Eisemann Center.

11:30-12:30 Partner Updates and Networking Lunch

Join friends from partner organizations such as Engaging Creative Minds, SC Governor's School for the Arts & Humanities – Outreach Team, Arts in Basic Curriculum Institute, and more for a brief update on programs and further opportunity for individual conversations during lunch!

12:30-1:00 Closing & Roundtable Reflection

