



THE CENTER FOR ARTS EDUCATION

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Want Albany to ensure that students are receiving an arts education? It won't happen unless we all make it happen.

The Center for Arts Education will join a coalition of arts leaders and advocates from all corners of New York State in Albany on February 24th for Arts Day. We'll be visiting our legislators to tell them that parents, students, cultural and community organizations support legislation to ensure that all children are provided with the minimum state arts education requirements. Please join us in Albany.

Arts education is an essential piece of our children's education. It is also required by law. **New York State has a comprehensive set of educational requirements for arts instruction -- which have the effect and power of law -- yet lack of compliance with these mandates is widespread.** As a result, hundreds of thousands of children are being denied the benefits and opportunities derived from a quality arts education.

If you can't make it to Albany, [please send a message now](#) in support of a well-rounded education for our public school children.

Tell your State Senator and Assembly Member that you support passage of a law (Senate Bill 5878/Assembly Bill 8938) to ensure students get the arts education to which they are entitled by law.

[Please take action now.](#)

The opportunity gap continues to widen as more and more students receive an increasingly limited education. By bringing the arts back to every child in every school, we can help provide all students with an equal opportunity for success.

Thank you.

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Executive Director

P.S. If you can join us in Albany on the 24th, please email Kira Streets, Director of Public Engagement, at kira@caenyc.org.

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