



think360 ARTS FOR LEARNING **Colorado Outstanding Arts School Award** **Application form 2017**

Think 360 Arts for Learning presents – Colorado Outstanding Arts School Award recognizes a maximum of three schools annually whose arts programs exemplify and promote high standards of quality in educational Arts programming and opportunities. All schools that have been members in good standing with the Colorado Department of Education (coloradoschoolgrades.com) for at least two years are eligible to apply for this award. *The Colorado Outstanding Arts School Award recognizes schools that do an outstanding job of making the arts essential to the education of their students.*

Schools wishing to be considered for this award will be required to fill out an application form and will then be evaluated by a committee. Completed applications **must be received by April 1, 2017**. Applications received after April 1, 2017 will not be considered.

A committee will judge all of the applications submitted and determine which schools will receive the Colorado Outstanding Art School Awards. The Think 360 Arts awards administrator will notify all recipients by April 17, 2017.

Each recipient of the Colorado Outstanding Arts School Award will receive:

- Invitation to Think 360 Arts' Full Circle Celebration Reception on May 24, 2017
- Recognition on the Think 360 Arts web site and Colorado Department of Education site
- One free Teacher admission to the Institute for Creative Teaching, presented by Think 360 Arts
- One day Arts focused workshop for students presented by an expert teaching artist chosen by the school. In addition to the student workshops, schools will be eligible for a follow-up professional development seminar for school staff to capture best practices and answer questions or give resources and support for school's next steps. Seminar to be led by Karol Gates, CDE Arts Content Specialist.
- Free instructor admission to a Colorado Arts Education Coalition conference: Dance, Theatre, Visual Arts, Music, and Media Arts
- Press release announcing the award

Once a school has been selected for this award, it cannot be considered for the award again until after a period of five years. Application forms and all attachments become the property of Think 360 Arts and will not be returned. Application materials may be used by Think 360 Arts for marketing and promotional purposes.

Nomination checklist

- Completed question form
- Statement of support form and letter
- Photo/videos, if applicable (student media releases should accompany any photos/videos submitted)
- Application must **be received at the Think 360 Arts Office by April 1, 2017.**

Submit the nomination form by:

- Mail: Think 360 Arts, 135 Park Avenue West, Denver, CO 80205
- Fax: (720) 904-8894, Attn: Awards Administrator
- E-mail a clean, scanned file copy to: sarah@think360arts.org

Think 360 Arts – Colorado Outstanding Arts School Award: Application form

School

School District

School address

School City, Zip or Postal code

Principal

E-mail address

Phone number (work)

Mobile

Applicant Name

E-mail address

Phone number (work)

Mobile

General information (no point value)

Circle your school building composition: PreK-5 K-5 6-12 9-12 10-12 Other: _____

Please list those grade levels that are included in your arts program: _____

What is your current school population: _____

Circle the appropriate school location:

Urban Suburban Rural/County

Indicate the type of facilities available for presentations/productions/exhibitions:

- Theatre/auditorium
- Little studio/experimental theatre/black box
- Gymnasium
- Combination gymnasium/auditorium
- Cafeteria or Cafetorium
- Gallery
- Other (describe)

Indicate the production/exhibition facilities available for the Arts departments to use (list may be only applicable to high school programs and facilities – no point value):

Lighting control room/storage
Jewelry studio
Sculpture gallery
Computer graphics lab
Orchestra/Band room
Musical Instrument storage
Scenery building/storage

Sound control room/storage
Photography Lab
Visual Arts storage
Film editing lab
Choir room
Prop storage
Costume construction/storage

Ceramics Studio
Drawing Lab
Film Studio
Dance Studio/space
Dressing rooms
other (specify):

List members of the school staff involved in the school's Arts program and indicate their duties/classes and their Colorado endorsement to teach Arts (attach a document with additional lines if needed):

Staff member	Art duties and/or classes	Endorsement
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

List Fine Arts courses offered in the school curriculum. Check (C) if the class is curricular or (CC) if the class is co-curricular, through productions or outside of the school day:

Course	C	CC	Sections per year	Total enrollment
_____	C	CC	_____	_____
_____	C	CC	_____	_____
_____	C	CC	_____	_____
_____	C	CC	_____	_____
_____	C	CC	_____	_____
_____	C	CC	_____	_____
_____	C	CC	_____	_____
_____	C	CC	_____	_____
_____	C	CC	_____	_____
_____	C	CC	_____	_____

Describe how programs, exhibitions, and productions are funded (allocations by school district, self-supporting, annual allocation from activity fund, booster club, use of profits, etc.)

Indicate the number of Fine Arts productions/exhibits and average number of performances or viewings presented in a typical year in each of the categories listed below and mark if the production is curricular (worked on during class time) or co-curricular (outside of class time):

Type of production	Number of productions	Number of performances	Curricular	Co-curricular
full length comedy/drama				
full-length musical				
one-act or short comedy/drama				
student directed and/or written				
children's theatre				
dance performance				
variety/talent show				
gallery walk/exhibit				
art festival				
jazz concerts				
band concerts				
orchestra concerts				
choir concerts				
media arts exhibition				
film festival				
other (specify):				

Indicate the average percentage of students of your school population involved in the arts programs throughout the year according to the categories below.:

_____ % Theatrical performance and technical theatre
 _____ % Vocal music concerts

_____	%	Instrumental music concerts
_____	%	Gallery and/or art festivals and exhibits
_____	%	Dance performance
_____	%	Media arts (Film and Television)
_____	%	Total number of students involved in the Fine Arts programs

On additional paper please address the following questions under each category.

Category I: Productions

In 500 words or less per question, please answer the following questions.

1. What do you consider to be the most notable production/exhibition presented in your program during the past three years? Why?
2. What performance/exhibitions experiences (outside of your schools) do you offer to your students? (i.e. field trips to the DCPA or DAM, etc.)

Category II: Curriculum

In 500 words or less per question, please answer the following two questions.

1. Explain how the Arts program at your school is an integral part of the total curriculum of the school.
2. Explain any curriculum work that you feel has been unique to your program (innovations, techniques of teaching, course offerings, evaluation procedures, etc.). Please include reference to the new Arts standards published by the Colorado Department of Education.

Category III: Contributions to Educational Arts Programs

In 500 words or less per question, please describe what the art program in your school contributes to each of the following areas:

1. What does your program do to promote a positive image of Arts within your school? Please include comments on student achievement, retention, and 21st century learning.
2. What does your program do to promote Arts within your community?

Statement of Support

Include a SIGNED statement of support describing the nature and value of your Arts program from any one of the following: an administrator, a staff member not directly involved with your program, a parent, a member of the community, a student, or alum. Only one statement of support will be accepted.

Name

Position or title

Phone number

Address

City, Zip

Please include the statement of support with your application, along with any videos or other supplementary materials.