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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

A Memo from the New Jersey Department of Education

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To: Chief School Administrators, Charter School and Renaissance School Project Leads
Route To: Principals
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Visual and Performing Arts Education Survey

The New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) will be conducting the Visual and Performing Arts Education Survey to measure arts course offerings, student participation, dedicated arts resources, district policy, instructional support, and the extent to which community assets are utilized in New Jersey's schools. This will be the fourth time that this survey has been conducted (2006, 2011, 2016). It is part of the broader Arts Education Census Project, which is a collaborative partnership between the NJDOE, the New Jersey State Council on the Arts, the Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation, Arts Ed NJ, ArtPride New Jersey, and Quadrant Research.

The Arts Education Census Project aims to gather, evaluate, and disseminate qualitative and quantitative data regarding the status and condition of arts education throughout New Jersey. The survey findings will be released in the spring of 2022. An in-depth analysis of school data will assist the NJDOE and its project partners in understanding the level of student involvement with the arts. Additionally, the survey data will help identify model programs across the state and facilitate the alignment of resources to identified need so that all students have equitable access to high-quality learning opportunities to help them meet or exceed the Visual and Performing Arts requirements of the New Jersey Student Learning Standards.

Key steps/actions

The 2021 Visual and Performing Arts Education Survey will be available online through the NJDOE's [Homeroom](#) webpage beginning March 1, 2021 and the collection window will close April 16, 2021. The survey asks for information on programs in each school in the district. Therefore, districts may want to involve building principals or other school leaders in gathering the data needed for the survey.

Contact information

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