

Welcome to the Region 8 Arts Forum

On behalf of the Forum committee welcome to the Region 8 Arts Forum. We hope that today brings you a rich resource to enable you to implement standards based arts education in your county.

Today's activities will focus on four outcomes.

1. You will learn current research about how children learn and how the arts impact that learning. The presenter is Dr. Victoria Stevens. Her research specialty is the study of the development and inhibition of creativity in children and adults, with an emphasis on the relationship between creative thinking, neurobiology, emotional development and cognitive processes.
2. You will learn about the California Framework and Standards for Visual and Performing Arts. The presenter is Michael Stone. He is one of the authors of the Framework and is the Coordinator for Visual and Performing Arts for the Bakersfield City School District.
3. You will learn about resources that support quality arts education in your county including professional development. You will hear from Kris Alexander. She is the state Director of The California Arts Project (TCAP). TCAP is the California Subject Matter Project (CSMP) for Visual and Performing Arts.
4. You will meet with the other arts leaders in your county to explore ways to build support for strengthening standards-based arts education. By the end of today your county group will have identified next steps for working together to build that support.

Also included are performances, breakout sessions and other discussion that will make today useful and worthwhile. We hope this Arts Forum is valuable to you in your efforts to implement standards-based arts education in your county.

Have an enjoyable day.

Thank you for attending.