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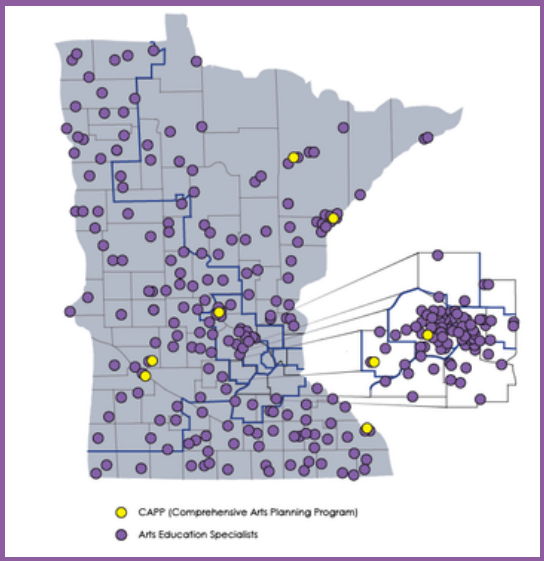
PERPICH CENTER FOR ARTS EDUCATION

Legislative Platform 2026



Statewide Agency, Statewide Benefit

Perpich's Professional Development programs connected with educators in all 67 Minnesota Senate districts.

Asset Preservation Requests

#1 Safe and Secure Front Entry

#2 ADA Compliant Restrooms

- Arts High School
- Student Dormitory

We can't do it without you.

Unlike most public schools in Minnesota, Perpich Center for Arts Education does not have access to traditional funding streams for capital projects.

That means:

- **NO** ability to levy our taxpayers directly
- **NO** Long-Term Facility Maintenance
- **NO** inclusion in funding formulas, like Safe Schools Revenue (State Aid)

Statewide Agency, Statewide Benefit

Professional Development and Resource Programs (PDR)

Statewide Arts High School Grades 11 and 12

Specialized Lending Library In-person and Online

CELEBRATING 40 YEARS OF EXCELLENCE (1985-2025)

Want to learn more about PCAE or visit our campus for a tour?

Contact Allegra Smisek, Executive Director, to schedule a visit or learn more about the arts education programs that PCAE offers.

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Professional Development and Resource Programs

Directly served nearly 2,000 educators in 275 districts and charter schools last year AT NO COST to their schools.

SCHOOL DISTRICTS/CHARTER SCHOOLS, EDUCATORS/ADMINISTRATORS SERVED

Fiscal year	Total Events	School Districts/Charter Schools	Total Points of Contact	Distinct Points of Contact		
				Arts Educators	Non-Arts Educators	Administrators
FY25	313	275	2,755	1,467	400	107
FY24	373	256	2,498	1,105	329	137
FY23	352	211	1,578	739	140	83

Our incredible professional development programs are supported by the Perpich Resource Library.

Comprehensive Arts Planning Program
CELEBRATING 20
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Minnesota's CAPP

Two-year cohort for districtwide arts strategic planning.

Perpich Resource Library

- Specialized collections of arts and arts education items, including resources by Native Authors and Artists
- Statewide accessibility
- Professional Development support for educators, rural communities, Indigenous communities, etc.

ARTS SCHOOLS NETWORK
EXEMPLARY SCHOOL
2025-2030

Learn more by scanning the QR code

Perpich Arts High School on the National Stage

- Named an Exemplary School 2025-2030 by the Arts Schools Network
- Selected by The Kennedy Center in Washington D.C. to represent the State of Minnesota in the National Scrollathon Project

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A Perpich student shares the story behind their scroll during the Scrollathon