

The State of Maryland Proclaims March as National Arts Month



From the Governor of the State of Maryland

NATIONAL ARTS IN OUR SCHOOLS MONTH MARCH 2026

WHEREAS, All children in Maryland should have access to the highest quality education possible, because education is the foundation on which we build everything else; and

WHEREAS, The State of Maryland recognizes the important role that an arts education plays in preparing Maryland students to be successful adults, and celebrates the transformative power of the arts and the teachers and administrators who ensure that Maryland's public school students receive an arts education; and

WHEREAS, Youth Art Month, National Dance in Your Schools Month, National Music in Our Schools Month, and National Theater in Our Schools Month are observed annually during the month of March to bring attention to the impact of the respective arts disciplines on students, teachers, and school communities, and can be collectively termed "National Arts in Our Schools Month"; and

WHEREAS, The arts, inclusive of dance, media arts music, theatre, and visual arts, are required components of a well-rounded education, as defined in the Federal Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) and required subject areas under the Code of Maryland Annotated Regulations (COMAR); and

WHEREAS, Maryland understands the urgency of expanding access to arts education for Maryland's public school students through policies and practices, so they can access the cognitive, social, and emotional benefits of a robust arts education; and

WHEREAS, This month, the State of Maryland reaffirms its commitment to expanding access to arts education as an integral part of the state's mission to deliver a world-class education to its public school students.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WES MOORE, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, do hereby proclaim MARCH 2026 as NATIONAL ARTS IN OUR SCHOOLS MONTH in Maryland, and do commend this observation to all of our citizens.

Given Under My Hand and the Great Seal of the State of Maryland,
this 1st day of March
Two Thousand and twenty-six

Gov. Governor

Dwara Miller

St. Governor

Deann C. Lee

Secretary of State

