The Kennedy Center Alliance for Arts Education Network ( KCAAEN ) is a coalition of statewide non-profit Alliances for Arts Education working in partnership with the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts to support policies, practices, programs, and partnerships that ensure the arts are an essential part of American K-12 education.

The **mission** of the KCAAEN is to advance learning in and through the arts for all students.

To meet the following program objectives, members of the KCAAEN in partnership with the Kennedy Center will:

1. **Build Collaborations**: Develop and support innovative collaborations among schools, community partners, and cultural institutions that sustain arts education.
2. **Position the Arts**: Speak out on behalf of arts education to citizens, policy makers, state agencies, and others about the value and benefits of arts education.
3. **Generate Resources**: Develop, publish, and/or disseminate resources for arts education leaders and practitioners.
4. **Provide Professional Development**: Implement professional development through educational programs, training, and resources.
5. **Recognize Innovation and Achievement**: Provide awards and acknowledgments to individuals, organizations, and schools that demonstrate outstanding support for arts education.

The KCAAEN brings together educators, school administrators, parents, cultural leaders, and citizens from across the nation. KCAAEN seeks to advance the quality of education through the inclusion of the arts in the curriculum. The Kennedy Center supports the growth and development of the Network and the efforts of participating State Alliances through staff consultation, professional development, grant support, and other resources.

The KCAAEN has a host of resources and tools available to support arts education:

KCAAEN Arts Education Advocacy Tool Kit

Community Audit for Arts Education

The Arts Beyond the School Day

KCAAEN Self-Assessment Kit

KCAAEN Leadership Kit

**KCAAEN Network Leadership Committee**

The KCAAEN Network Leadership Committee (NLC) consists of eight elected members of the State Alliance for Arts Education network. This committee advises the Kennedy Center and the coalition of State Alliances on program policies and content.

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