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New Arts Teacher Mentoring Network

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Call for Mentees!

Are you seeking to connect with others like you in your new arts teaching career?

*Then great news! You can now join a community of peers and receive support in this **FREE** opportunity!*

Arts|Learning is thrilled to announce renewed Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education funding to continue this network to support novice arts educators through the second cohort of the *New Arts Teacher Mentoring Network*. We invite all arts educators who identify as novice-level in their careers to join a **free** community of peers and mentors to support high-quality arts programming and strengthen their impact through reflective practice. Participating new arts educators from across Massachusetts will have the opportunity to advance their skills in curriculum and instruction and receive support from veteran mentors for the specific challenges visual and performing arts teachers face. The Arts Mentorship Network can be used to partially satisfy district-level induction and mentoring program requirements up to 25 hours.

A|L is accepting teachers new to the Mentoring Network, as well as 2022-23 participants who wish to further in-depth work on improving their teacher skills and effectiveness.

Mentor-mentee learning communities will meet in a combination of monthly virtual and in-person sessions from **October 2023 through May 2024**. Please find the specific meeting dates, times, and locations below. Additionally, each mentee will meet with their assigned mentor 1:1 for **five hours** during the year.

Mentors and mentees will be grouped strategically by arts discipline (**music, visual art, theatre, dance, media arts**) and region (**Northeast, Southeast, Greater Boston, Central, Western**).

Mentee required responsibilities:

- **Five hours** of 1:1 mentee coaching with your assigned mentor
- **Attend one in-person mentee orientation** at your assigned region

- Reflect upon your growth as a novice arts educator with your peers and your assigned mentor
- Attend **(six) two-hour online monthly group sessions** with your assigned regional community cohort of mentors and mentees
- Present a final Capstone project at **(one) three-hour in-person** final mentor-mentee session in your assigned region

Enroll now!

Please fill out the Mentee <https://forms.gle/AjFu3hMtVLA1LcR29>.

Please contact [Jackie Carvey, New Arts Teacher Mentoring Network Manager](#), or [New Arts Teacher Mentoring Network Director, Dr. Erin Zaffini](#), with additional questions.

Deadline: The enrollment deadline continues on a rolling basis, or until all cohorts are filled.

Calendar: Please note that dates and locations in the schedule below are **tentative**. Please be sure to check the Arts|Learning website – [Arts|Learning New Arts Teacher Mentoring Network](#) – to find the most current schedule of meetings.

Regional Cohort Schedules *(Subject to Change)*

Greater Boston/Eastern Cohort Schedule

Date	Time	Location
10/19	4:30 – 7:30 pm	Mentee Orientation – In Person <i>Dinner Provided</i> Shore Educational Collaborative 100 Revere Beach Parkway Chelsea, MA 02150 (617) 887-2930
11/14	4-6 pm	Online
12/5	4-6 pm	Online
1/9	4-6 pm	Online
2/6	4-6 pm	Online
3/5	4-6 pm	Online
4/16	4-6 pm	Online
5/9	4:30 – 7:30 pm	<i>Dinner Provided</i> Shore Educational Collaborative 100 Revere Beach Parkway Chelsea, MA 02150 (617) 887-2930

Central/Western Cohort Schedule

Date	Time	Location
10/25	4:30 – 7:30 pm	Mentee Orientation – In Person <i>Dinner Provided</i> Collaboration for Educational Services 97 Hawley Street Northampton, MA 01060 (413) 586-4900
11/14	4-6 pm	Online
12/12	4-6 pm	Online
1/9	4-6 pm	Online
2/13	4-6 pm	Online
3/11 (MONDAY)	4-6 pm	Online
4/9	4-6 pm	Online
5/23	4:30 – 7:30 pm	<i>Dinner Provided</i> Collaboration for Educational Services 97 Hawley Street Northampton, MA 01060 (413) 586-4900