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**Commonwealth of Virginia
Virginia Department of Education
Superintendent's Memo #096-22**

DATE: May 6, 2022
TO: Division Superintendents
FROM: Jillian Balow, Superintendent of Public Instruction
SUBJECT: 2022 Virginia Arts and Culture Institutes for Fine Arts Educators

The Virginia Department of Education (VDOE) is pleased to offer two 2022 Virginia Arts and Culture Institutes for fine arts educators during the summer of 2022:

Southwest Virginia Music and Culture Institute

The purpose of the Institute is to provide a hands-on professional learning opportunity for music educators related to music and cultural heritage of Southwest Virginia. Participants will engage in workshops led by musicians including [The Crooked Road's](#) Artist-in-Residence, Andrew Small, and old-time musician Emily Schaad. Experiential workshops focus on music styles such as traditional old-time and bluegrass music, folk instruments, and improvisation. Music educators will collaborate with professionals on the curation and development of instructional resources and strategies aligned to the Music Standards of Learning. All K-12 music educators are invited to participate, but the Institute will have an emphasis on standards, techniques, and concepts for orchestra, guitar, general music, and secondary music. Participants are required to bring an instrument to participate in the interactive performance-based workshops.

The in-person portion of the Institute will take place over a three-day period, June 22-24, 2022, at the Southwest Virginia Cultural Center and Marketplace in Abingdon, Virginia.

Required virtual meetings will be held before and after the event in order to provide important information and context for the on-site experience. At the conclusion of the Institute program, each participant will be awarded 45 points for licensure renewal, pending local approval and completion of workshop deliverables.

Chickahominy Tribal Arts and Culture Institute

The purpose of the Institute is to provide educators with arts and cultural classroom connections between fine arts educators and tribal arts and culture of Virginia. The Institute will provide workshops led by the Chickahominy Indian Tribe and the Chickahominy Indian Eastern Division Tribe. Experiential workshops will include topics such as beading, clay, dance, leatherwork, and storytelling and will provide educators with resources and connections to implement the *Fine Arts Standards of Learning*. Required virtual meetings will be held before and after the event in order to provide important information and context for the on-site experience. All K-12 fine arts (dance, music, theatre, and visual arts) educators are invited to apply to this experience, and the content covered will be applicable across fine arts disciplines.

The in-person portion of the Institute will take place over a two-day period, June 29-30, 2022, at the Chickahominy Tribal Center in Providence Forge, Virginia. At the conclusion of the Institute program, each participant will be awarded 45 points for licensure renewal, pending local approval and completion of workshop deliverables.

Important Information

The Institutes are provided at no cost to selected public sector educators and include hotel lodging, some meals, materials, and supplies, instruction, registration, and parking in accordance with state travel regulations. The VDOE will not provide mileage reimbursement to participants. K-12 fine arts educators will be selected based on principal recommendation and balanced regional representation. The first virtual meeting of the program will provide an orientation to the experience and important details will be covered. Participants are required to attend all virtual and on-site sessions of the program.

Educators who wish to attend an Institute program must download and complete the attached application. A principal must complete the Principal Recommendation form. Completed

applications must be submitted before May 23, 2022, to the VDOE Fine Arts Program by email at vdoe.finearts@doe.virginia.gov. Selected educators will be notified by email by May 31, 2022.

For more information

Please contact Kelly A. Bisogno, Coordinator of Fine Arts, Office of Humanities, by email at Kelly.Bisogno@doe.virginia.gov or by telephone at (804) 225-2881 for more information.

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- A. Attachment: [Application for 2022 Virginia Arts and Culture Institutes](#) (DOCX)
- B. Attachment: [Principal Recommendation Form](#) (DOCX)