



Comprehensive Arts Planning Program

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What is CAPP?

A legislatively-funded program to support and assist local school district's arts planning team in creating a district-wide, three-year strategic plan.

The Perpich Center supports districts in:

- Conducting a needs assessment.
- Creating a district-wide, three-year arts education plan.
- Implementing the plan.

Waconia Focus Areas: Music, Visual Arts, Media Arts and Theater



CAPP Team

CAPP Leadership Team

- Sarah Christian-Garceau - WHS Art Teacher
- Mariah Dant - Southview Music Teacher
- Laura Grimm - Secondary Media Specialist
- Morgan Losure - WMS Art Teacher
- Erika Nesvig - Director of Educational Services



2025-2026 School Year

August	CAPP Leadership Team training at Perpich Center.
September and October	Full K-12 Arts Team completed Needs Assessment and went through Focus Conversation Process.
November	CAPP Visioning Team had full day visioning day with Perpich Center to develop focus areas.
January	CAPP Leadership Team finalized Strategic Directions.
February	Full K-12 Arts Team gave feedback on Strategic Directions.
March	CAPP Leadership Team finalized three year plan.



Needs Assessment

Full K-12 Arts Team

Strengths	Needs
Strong foundation of arts education	K-12 alignment of MN State Standards
Highly skilled and dedicated staff	K-12 Scope and Sequence
Community support for arts	Professional development opportunities specifically in the arts.
High-quality performance opportunities	Inconsistencies with budgets
Dedicated arts specialists K-12	Class size concerns at some levels



Strategic Directions

K-12 Scope and Sequence based on the MN State Standards.

Create a collaborative learning plan for the arts.

Expand opportunities throughout K-12 experiences and create arts advocacy.



2026-2029 Strategic Plan

Year 1

- Create a “Portrait of an Artist.”
- Unpack the MN State Standards
- Create a K-12 Scope and Sequence for each arts area that is aligned vertically and horizontally.
- Develop a professional development schedule for the arts.
- Inventory resources for each art area.
- Begin developing a district-wide arts newsletter.



2026-2029 Strategic Plan

Year 2

- Based on developed Scope and Sequence identify needed curriculum and resources.
- Examine current art events at each school.
- Create the district-wide arts newsletter.



2026-2029 Strategic Plan

Year 3

- Create a district art digital resource library.
- Collaborate with local artists for possible city-wide art event.
- Expand art mentorship opportunities.
- Revisits addition of Theatre Arts at WMS and WHS.





Questions?