



Arts Education Committee Report Hector Torres, Committee Chair

The Arts Education Committee met on Tuesday, June 10, 2025. In attendance were Hector Torres (Committee chair) and Commissioner, Cora Masters Barry.

CAH Arts Education Programs

The Arts Education department plays a vital role within our agency, with the oversight of 2 major grant lines, year-round initiatives, and more, with collaboration across nearly every department. CAH arts education programs include:

Grant Opportunities

Arts and Humanities Education Programs (AHEP) Offers support to arts, humanities, arts education, and service sectors that target students in grades pre-K to 12 as well as older adults ages 50+. Eligible programs can also assist teachers, educational staff, and teaching artists of Public Schools and Public Charter Schools in the District. Applications are currently open, and close on Thursday, June 26 at 10 p.m.

Field Trip Experience (FTE) supports the cost of field trip tickets, professional development opportunities for classroom educators, and pre/post-field trip workshops for students. Applications are currently open, and close on Thursday, June 26 at 10 p.m.

Year-round Residency Program

Celebrate the Creative Spark! Residency, Creative Spark Residency, are 3 session residencies for district teaching artist to provide arts and humanities-based workshops for pre-k – 12 grade students or seniors, 50+ (20) FY25 resident teaching artist are at various stages of their residencies between which began in April and will conclude in September 2025.

National Endowment for the Arts & Poetry Foundation Sponsored Initiative

National Poetry Out Loud- A free high school program for the nation's youth to learn about great poetry through memorization and recitation. This program helps high school students master public speaking skills, build self-confidence, learn about their literary heritage, and compete for more than \$100,000 in awards. Benjamin Banneker, Junior, Nyla Dinkins represented the district in the mid-Atlantic competition this year and advanced to the final 7 contestants. We are proud of her and each SY25 participating schools in the district.



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Middle-High School Youth Humanities-based programing

Words on Fire Poetry Festival, is CAH's original slam poetry and spoken word competition designated for DCPS and DCPCS 8th -12th grade students. The 1-day program will return in August and will be led by 8 teaching artists who served as poetry out loud coaches. The event will offer a day of in-person writing workshops followed by a student led open mic. Details concerning date, location and how to register will be posted on our website and shared out on our website, IG: @thedcards

Experiential Learning Opportunities

Summer Internships - 5 interns have joined the agency as of May to support the arts education, grants, communications, public arts, and resource allocation team. They have been a great support within each of their respective departments, supporting high-level initiatives not limited to supporting with exhibition launch, collection cataloging, venue mapping, panel preparation and facilitation support, community outreach, debt-relief research for local artists and more.