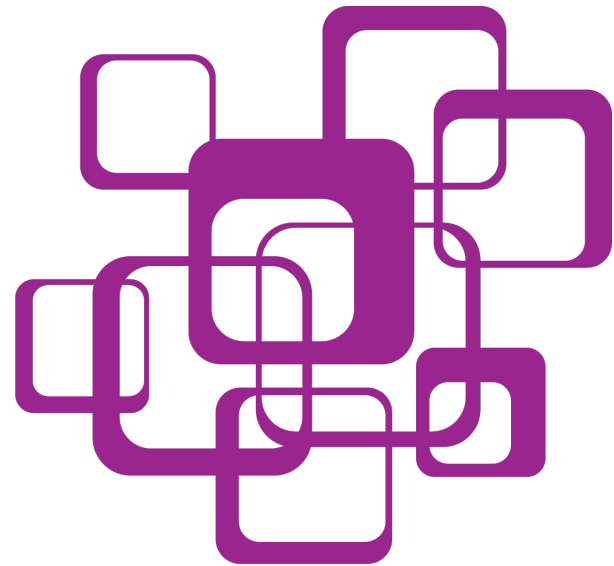




# ASN 2024 Exemplary Schools Designation:

## THE NUTS AND BOLTS OF APPLYING





# Presenters



WELCOME

- ▶ **Kim Wilson, Ed.D.** is the Director of Arts in Basic Curriculum (ABC) Institute.
- ▶ **Timothy Farson** is the current Principal at the San Diego School of Creative and Performing Arts (SDSCPA).
- ▶ **Anne Maschler** is the principal and co-founder of ArTES Magnet, a pilot school within the Los Angeles Unified District.
- ▶ **Vee Popat** is the Director of the Fine Arts Center of the Greenville County Schools.
- ▶ **R. Scott Allen, Ed.D.** is the Managing Director of the Arts Schools Network.





# ASN Exemplary School Designation



ASN designates Exemplary Schools in recognition of outstanding efforts in strategically evaluating their purpose, operations, plans, and educational programs.

The Exemplary School application process provides a framework for comprehensive review through a series of questions that explore the entire range of a school's purpose and operations.

Completing the application enables you to develop comprehensive information for planning for improvement and determining the technical and tactical resources your organization needs.

[ASN Exemplary School Webpage](#)

# Why Apply?

## Reflective Self-Study

“I would encourage every school to go through the process. It raised more relevant questions and caused us to re-evaluate our approaches.”

*-Scott Walker, Principal, Las Vegas Academy for the Arts*



## Progress and Growth

“This is an impressive achievement, especially given the disruptions of a global pandemic.”

*~LaShawn Frost, Principal, Booker Middle School, Sarasota, Florida*

## Additional Resources

It is a helpful tool to gather information in a format that can be used for accreditation, grants, publicity materials, District reports, and annual reports, just to name a few.

*~Donn K. Harris, Former Executive Director of the Institute for Creativity and the Arts,*



# ASN Exemplary School Benefits

## ► Designees Receive:

- Article in the ASN e-news
- Recognition on ASN website, at the annual conference and annual awards ceremony
- ASN press release
- Engraved award presented at annual conference
- Use of the ASN award winner logo
- One discounted conference registration (\$150)





# Application Timeline

## 2024 Program Timeline

- January 8, 2024: Annual Application Portal Opens
- April 8, 2024: Application/Nomination deadline
- May 17, 2024: Award Winner notification
- October 22-25, 2024: Recognition/Presentation at 2024 Annual Conference, Washington, DC





# Suggested Process Timeline

## Benchmarks

- February: Convene Application Committee
  - discuss application components
  - develop consensus on component details (how the application will accurately reflect your school)
  - delegate application responsibilities
- March: Collect/Create application components
- April 1-7, 2024: Review & Refine
- April 8, 2024: Application/Nomination deadline





# Application Components: Delegate!

- ▶ Contact Information
- ▶ Narrative
- ▶ Letter of Support: Upper-Level Administrator
- ▶ History of School Data and Highlights
- ▶ Enrollment
- ▶ Budgeting
- ▶ Organizational Chart
- ▶ Staff List
- ▶ Facilities/Resources







# Application Components, continued

- ▶ Course Catalogue/Student-Parent Handbook
- ▶ Schedule
- ▶ Calendar
- ▶ Achievements
- ▶ 200 Word Summary
- ▶ School Logo
- ▶ Graduation data (Schools w/12<sup>th</sup> grade)
- ▶ 3 high-resolution photos of students/school



# Application & Rubric



The Exemplary School Program Booklet explains the application process, which provides a basic framework for your strategic evaluation of the entire range of your school's purpose, operations, and educational programs. Completing the evaluation enables you to develop comprehensive information for planning for improvement and determining the technical and tactical resources your organization needs.

▶ [Exemplary School Program – How to Apply/Rubric](#) (For schools that **include** a 12th grade)

▶ [Exemplary School Program – How to Apply/Rubric](#) (For schools that **DO NOT** include a 12th grade)



# Application Guidance

## The criteria:

- ▶ You will be asked to provide a four-page narrative summarizing the conclusions of your comprehensive school evaluation, along with a list of supporting materials.
- ▶ Your resource for self-evaluation is [A Guide to Assessing Your Arts Schools](#), which was created by the Arts Schools Network and the Accrediting Commission for Community and Precollegiate Arts Schools (ACCPAS) to help school personnel plan, evaluate, and implement effective organizational development. The *Guide* is an assessment tool that uses questions based on ACCPAS accreditation standards.





# Application Requirements

## The criteria:

- ▶ The application fee is \$225 which may be paid by credit card through the online portal. Please contact ASN if payment by check is needed ([info@artsschoolsnetwork.org](mailto:info@artsschoolsnetwork.org).)
- ▶ To achieve and maintain Exemplary School status through ASN, the school must be a member in good standing (current membership dues paid and timely renewal received).
- ▶ Designations last for five years. After five years, designated schools must submit a full application to be considered again.





# Acceptd Platform

## What is Acceptd?

Acceptd is the largest performing and visual arts network in the world. You can apply to and be discovered by colleges and universities, festivals, scholarships, and competitions. Our mission is to connect you with opportunities that will help you achieve your dreams.





# Voices of Experience

**Sharla Kaczar**

Principal, The Studio School

**Christine Reagan**

VPA Director, Booker Middle School

**Sam Robles**

Instructional Coordinator, Arts, San Diego School of Creative and Performing Arts

**Vee Popat**

Director, Fine Arts Center





# Wrapping it Up



Q & A

ASN awards window is also open!

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