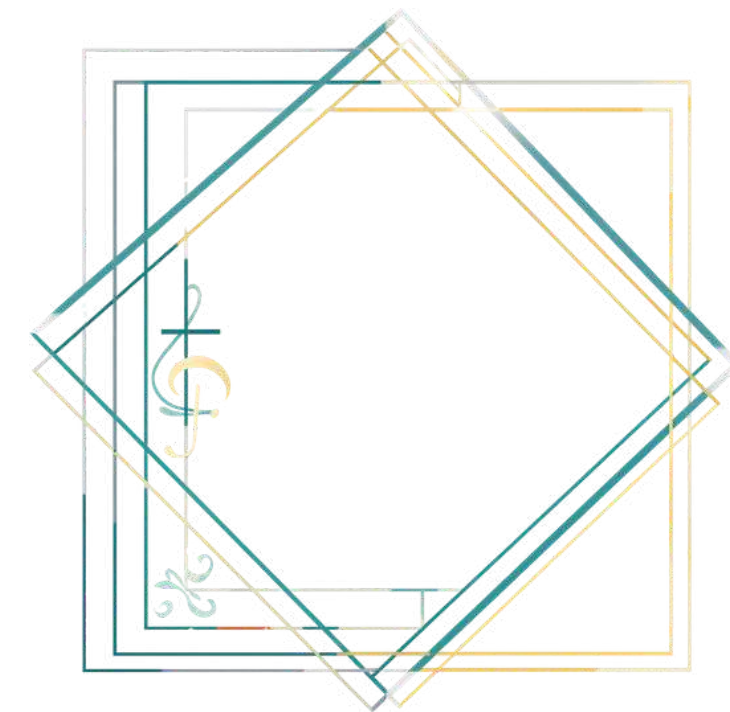
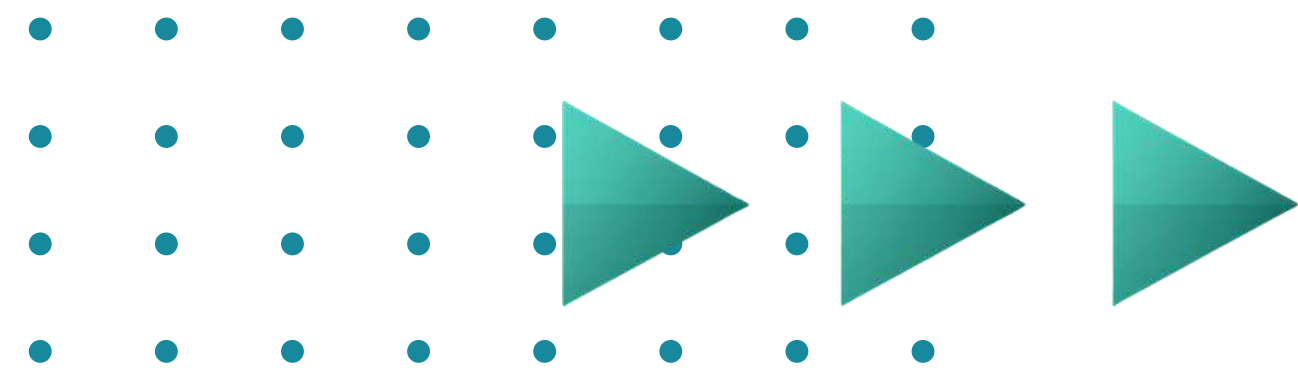


ORCHESTRATING OPPORTUNITY: EXPANDING MUSIC EDUCATION PATHWAYS THROUGH CTE



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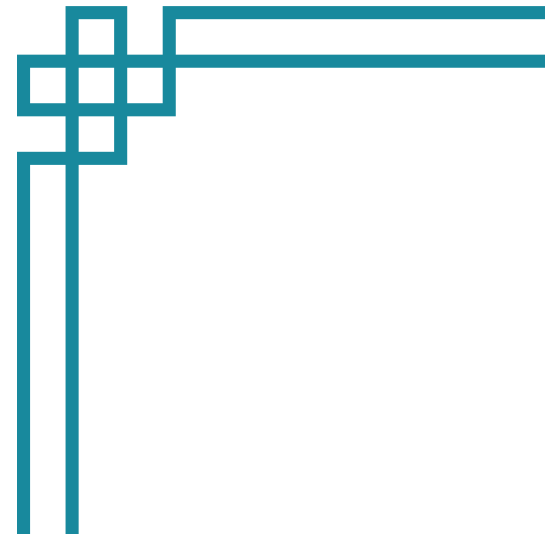


FRAMING THE DISCUSSION



-  What is CTE?
-  What CTE is Not





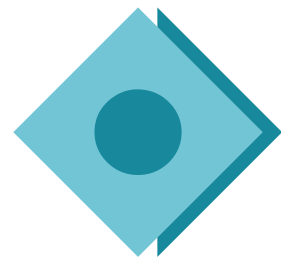
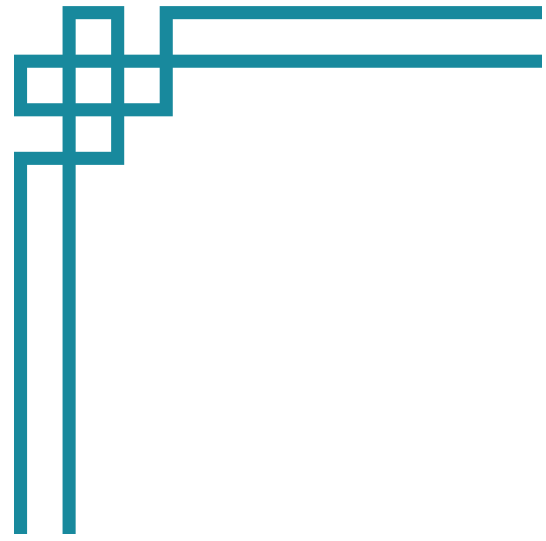
FRAMING THE DISCUSSION



- ✓ Education & Future Careers
- ✓ Workforce Sectors of Arts
- ✓ Tipping Point



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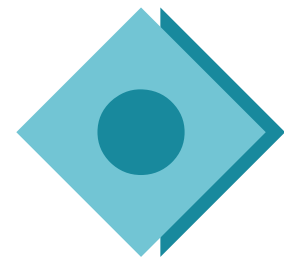


How can music-related programs connect with CTE pathways to expand student opportunities while strengthening music education?





FRAMING THE DISCUSSION



Regional Variations

- Labor Markets
 - Qualifying Programs
 - Approval Thresholds
 - Standards
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NATIONAL CAREER CLUSTERS FRAMEWORK: STANDARDS



The Arts, A/V Technology & Communications cluster houses the Arts, Entertainment, and Design pathway—the primary home for music-related CTE programs.





RELEVANT PATHWAYS



Performance, Music, and Live Entertainment

Media Production and Technology

Design, Visual, and Media Arts

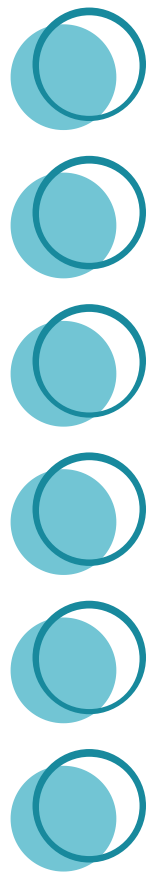




MUSIC PROGRAMS WITHIN CTE PATHWAYS

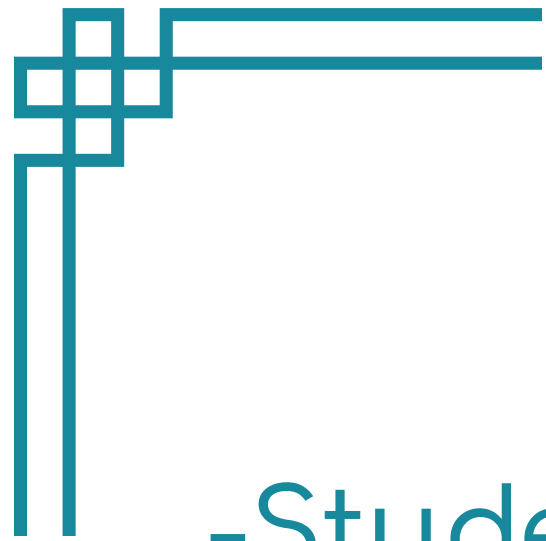


Music Industry
Production
Performance
Composition
Repair
Management & Business
....(Think Occupational Alignment)



EXAMPLE PROGRAM ELEMENTS

- Student Compositions for Events/Media
- Recording (Studio & Live) Projects
- Show/Event Hosting & Coordination
- Inventory Management & Maintenance
- Digital Distribution of Audio
- Promoting & Coordinating Community
Engagement Events





OPPORTUNITIES FOR MUSIC EDUCATORS





- Expanded Course Offerings
- Externships and Internships
- Listen and Build Relationships
- Learn Processes
- Access Funding
- Add a CTE Credential





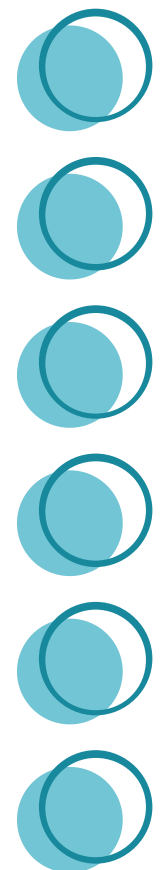
CHALLENGES AND CONCERNS



- ✓ Competition with Other Music Programs
 - ✓ Qualifying Educators
 - ✓ Balancing Artistic Rigor & Technical Workforce Readiness
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FUTURE DIRECTIONS FOR MUSIC EDUCATORS



- Learn your state frameworks
- Identify Music Pathways
- Work with local CTE Coordinators



NEXT STEPS

Resources
Credentialling
University Access
Models of Success

[Standards, Pathways, & Activities](#)

[ACTE Career Cluster](#)

[Grammy Music Education](#)

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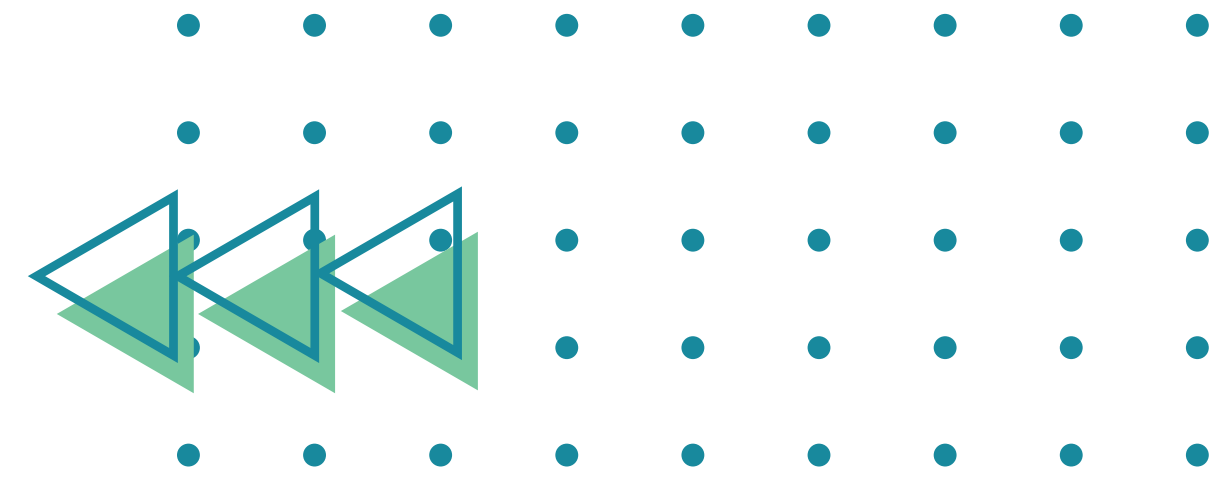
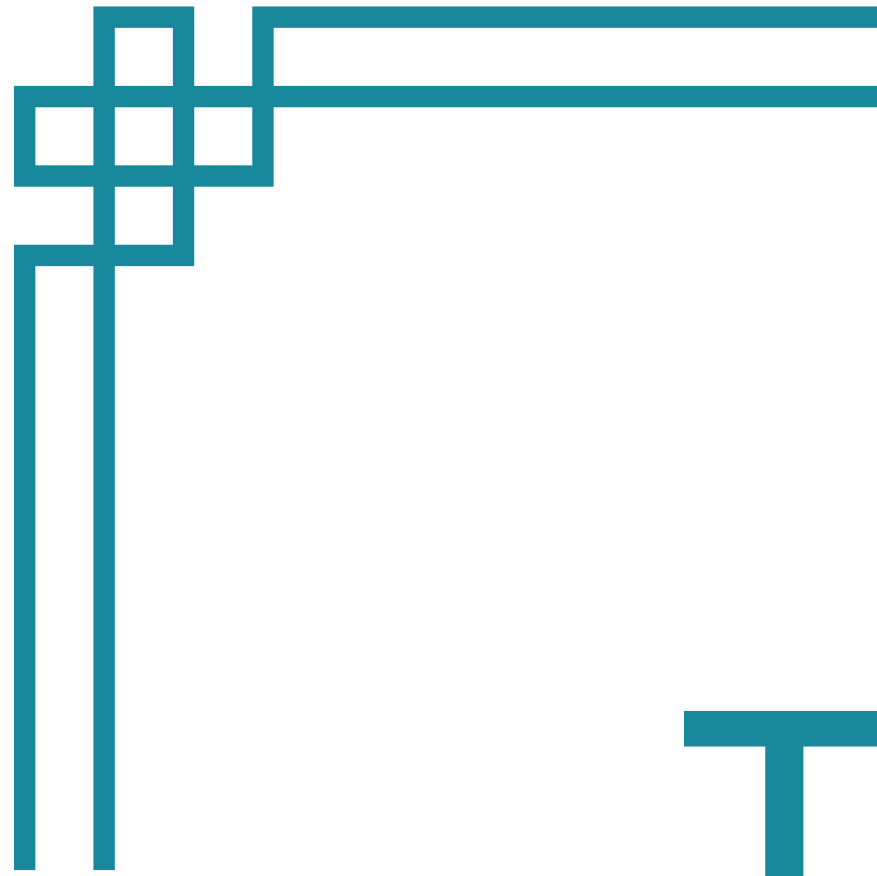
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