artlook® SWPA is making a difference for regional schools

Let's put arts education on the map!
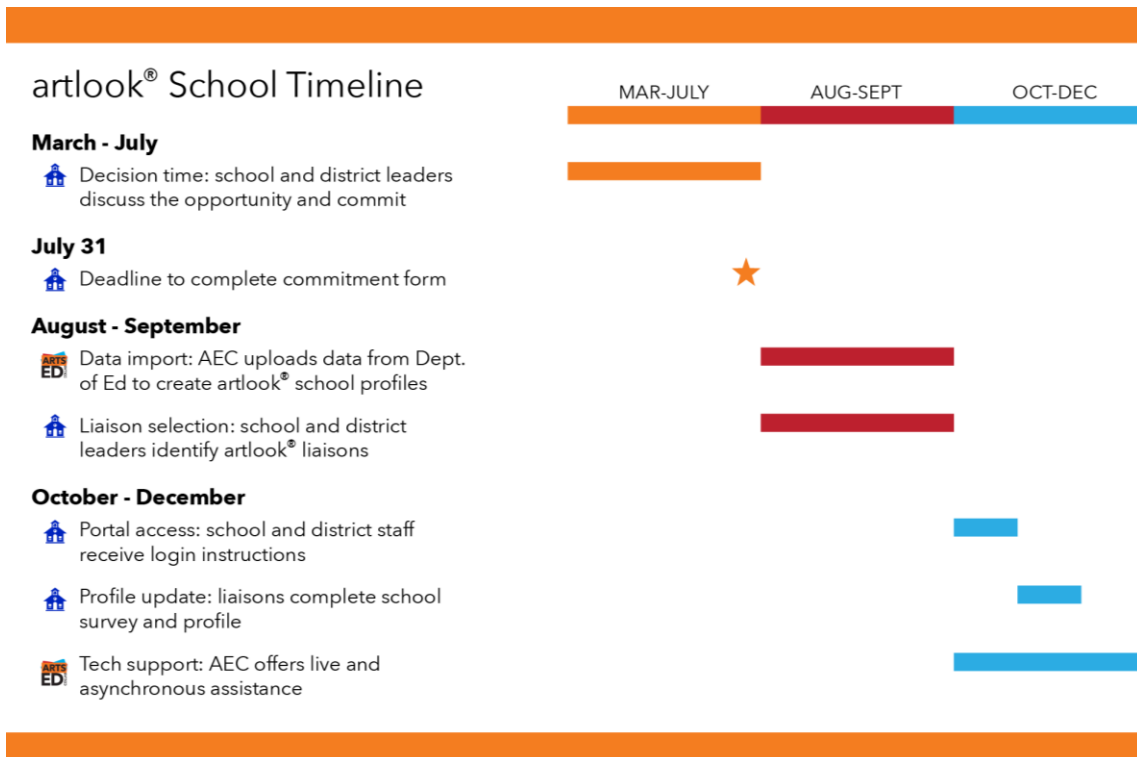
Arts Ed Collaborative invites you to join artlook® SWPA!

artlook® SWPA provides up-to-date arts ed information about people, places, and programs across Southwestern Pennsylvania. This publicly available database and searchable map is the only one of its kind in Pennsylvania to synthesize arts education data from over 200 schools, arts organizations, and teaching artists. This platform celebrates diverse learning opportunities covering all arts disciplines and program types taking place both during and outside of the school day. Arts Ed Collaborative offers this resource at no cost to participating schools and arts partners.

Commit today!

Why join?

- ✓ **Connect** with artists and organizations offering student programs
- ✓ **Establish** content-specific professional learning for arts teachers
- ✓ **Streamline** the process of finding and establishing partnerships
- ✓ **Compare** your program offerings with nearby school districts
- ✓ **Communicate** your arts ed program information with families
- ✓ **Collaborate** with other school districts

artlook® School Timeline

MAR-JULY　　AUG-SEPT　　OCT-DEC

March - July

🏫 Decision time: school and district leaders discuss the opportunity and commit

July 31

🏫 Deadline to complete commitment form ★

August - September

🅰 Data import: AEC uploads data from Dept. of Ed to create artlook® school profiles

🏫 Liaison selection: school and district leaders identify artlook® liaisons

October - December

🏫 Portal access: school and district staff receive login instructions

🏫 Profile update: liaisons complete school survey and profile

🅰 Tech support: AEC offers live and asynchronous assistance

What is an artlook® liaison?

artlook® liaisons are teachers or school representatives who provide additional information about the state of arts education at their school. These individuals play an important role in the successful implementation of artlook® SWPA by providing a first-hand account of arts education experiences and needs at their school and by serving as a point of contact for the artlook® SWPA community. Arts liaisons:

✓ Verify pre-populated administrative data that AEC receives from the Pennsylvania Department of Education (e.g., arts courses offered and instructors)

✓ Complete an annual school survey through the artlook® SWPA platform <u>with input from other site-based staff</u>

✓ Serve as the primary point of contact between their school and AEC

✓ Serve as the primary point of contact between their school and community arts partners

✓ Update school profile page as needed to ensure information is accurate

How is the information collected?

AEC pulls most of the data from records submitted to the Department of Education for the Pennsylvania Information Management System (PIMS). Each school's artlook® liaison—with input from a team of arts teachers, principals, and administrators—completes a follow-up survey that asks additional questions exploring arts programming, planning, and budgeting.

How did artlook® SWPA come to be?

[In 2019, Arts Ed Collaborative (AEC) convened a series of collective impact planning meetings exploring the possibility of bringing artlook® Map to Southwestern Pennsylvania.](#)
Thirty educators representing a dozen school systems and arts and community organizations contributed to the planning process. Participants shared their perspectives about a range of topics, including broad strategies required to support arts education, facilitators and barriers to forming arts partnerships, and the artlook® Map platform itself. Collective impact partners included:

- **Hampton Township SD**
- **Propel Schools**
- **South Fayette Township SD**
- **Sto-Rox SD**
- **1Hood Media**
- **Assemble**

- **Bricolage Production Company**
- **Carnegie Museum of Art**
- **Center of Life**
- **Pittsburgh Festival Opera**
- **The Learning Instigator**
- **The Legacy Arts Project.**

Together, these organizations helped adapt and customize artlook® SWPA for our region.

We hope to see you on the map soon! Get in touch today! [***artlook@artsedcollab.org***](mailto:artlook@artsedcollab.org)