

STAND UP 4 ARTS EDUCATION DAY!

California Educational Theatre Association Tips for Legislative Visits and Talking Points

Join the four California Arts Education Organizations as they advocate for, and celebrate the arts, through performances, an art exhibit, and legislative visits.



DATE/TIMES:

Tuesday, March 21st. The press conference and official welcoming ceremony will be held at 12:00 noon.

ADVOCACY VISITS:

Schedule a meeting with your Senator and Assemblyperson between 1-3pm.
This should be pre scheduled and arranged at least 2 weeks in advance.

FINDING YOUR SENATOR AND ASSEMBLYPERSON:

<https://findyourrep.legislature.ca.gov/>

TIPS FOR CONTACTING YOUR LEGISLATORS

Call and email - Offices log calls. Keep trying to contact them!

If they aren't available to meet between 1-3pm, then see if an aide can meet with your group.

You can meet them at their office, or invite them to come out and see the performances!

It's March 21st and you meet with your Legislator and take an awesome pic... now what?

<i>Attitude!</i>	<i>Start a Conversation!</i>	<i>Share Your Story!</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Be positive, kind and professional. ● Dress nicely. ● Think about your story and/or talking points in advance - be ready to be quick and precise when sharing your story. ● Represent your school and program with pride! 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Ask your member if they've ever taken a theater or drama class? ● Have they been in a show? ● If they've been involved in theatre or drama in school or college, how did their experience impact their career? ● Make a connection! 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● What's your story? Why does your Theatre or Drama class matter to you? <p>"My drama class helps me build relationships at school."</p> <p>"Theatre has helped me open up, be artistic and express myself. I use the skills I've learned all the time outside of the classroom"</p> <p>"Through my theatre experience, I learn how to cooperate with others. It's fun and why I come to school."</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>-Quotes from Gilmore MS Drama Students</i></p>

TUTORIAL VIDEO: [LINK](#)