



The Council of Ontario Drama and Dance Educators (CODE) is the provincial subject association for Drama and Dance in Ontario. We are a stakeholder organization that has existed for over 50 years, and we support hundreds of elementary and secondary educators across the province through advocacy, resource development, and professional development. We are members of the OTF curriculum forum and work collaboratively with other subject associations across the province and with the Ministry of Education.

We believe...

- that specific Drama & Dance knowledge, skills and values are critical for learning at all levels of education, in Ontario.
- that Drama & Dance as art forms and as processes of learning integrate the curriculum and facilitate essential learning outcomes.
- that to be effective, all teachers must experience in-depth pre-service and in-service training in educational Drama and/or Dance both as subjects and as vehicles for integrated and cross-curricular studies.
- that it is essential for Drama & Dance teachers to develop partnerships with the educational and artistic communities and with the public.

Our goals are to "encourage and support the development of Drama and Dance in education in Ontario".

To do this, we:

- Promote strong arts education in schools and communities across Ontario
- Provide a forum for the exchange of ideas among those involved in Drama and Dance in education
- Provide leadership and advocacy in Drama and Dance in education
- Provide professional development for those involved in Drama and Dance in education
- Cooperate with existing arts agencies and education organizations.

We have over 200 teacher resources available on our website with just over half available to the general public. Our members receive many more resources, discounts/benefits, and other information via mailings from their Regional Coordinators, the President and Conference Chairs. Members also receive discounts to attend all CODE Professional development and conferences.



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CODE is a not-for-profit organization also registered as a charity. Our board consists entirely of volunteers who are also OCT teachers, most of whom are working in the classroom as well as giving time to CODE. It is through membership fees that we can continue to develop resources for our members. We do provide free membership to all pre-service teachers, half-price membership to first year teachers and retired members, and we also offer a school-wide fee of \$250.00 for elementary schools.

During the COVID pandemic, we published resources for parents, distance education resources for teachers, and videos on our website and on our social media speaking to specific resources for teachers. We developed a resource based on a panel of educators and artists titled Recognize, Reflect, Refocus: Addressing Anti-Black Racism in addition to a series of CODE Conversations on a variety of equity-based topics on our YouTube channel.

Our recent resource publications include a series called Grounded in Space in Place that focused on identity, place, and relationships with the land. We are developing resources this summer in response to the Right to Read report, and we are undertaking a 24-resource translation project to build on our existing resources available to French-language educators.

In order to accomplish the goals and objectives of CODE's mission, we focus on several areas:

- A WEBSITE with articles, resources, lesson plans, links to arts organizations and more.
- CODE CONFERENCE, an annual event for drama and dance educators. An exciting opportunity to participate in professional development and network with other educators in Ontario.
- FACEBOOK GROUPS and other SOCIAL MEDIA CHANNELS that connect educators through forum discussions and the sharing of local events and resources.
- WEBINARS, PANEL DISCUSSIONS and CODE CONVERSATIONS featuring practical pedagogy, political and cultural discussions and more.

We hope you will consider joining us in our mission.

Sincerely,

The CODE Management Board



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