

This Fall! VR Arts Immersion™ Field Trips in partnership with Northeast Service Cooperative

This professional learning day will prepare teachers from up to 9 schools in the Northeast Service Cooperative area to bring a Virtual Reality Arts Immersion™ Field Trip to your school this fall—AT NO COST.

Perpich Center—in partnership with Northeast Service Cooperative and [Act One, AZ](#)—will immerse your middle school art or music appreciation class(es) in a 360° visual and audio visit with a muralist and female mariachi group or a weaver and Navajo dancers. This opportunity can accommodate up to 30 students in a showing. Tablets/headphones will be available for students who prefer to view the experience outside of the VR headset. The Virtual Reality experience is much more than a novel event! Teachers will work with Perpich specialists to develop a lesson plan that focuses the viewing through MN K-12 arts Respond and Connect benchmarks.

Professional Learning Date and Time: Thursday, September 24, 2026 (9:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.). Lunch is provided.

Workshop Location: Northeast Service Cooperative, 5525 Emerald Ave, Mountain Iron

Target Audience: Art and music teachers in grades 6-8 who are teaching a visual arts or music appreciation class this fall.

Perpich Center responsibilities:

- Facilitate professional learning for teachers at Northeast Service Cooperative on Thursday, September 24 (9:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.). The day includes previewing the VR episodes and working collaboratively to develop a lesson plan to use when the VR experience comes to your school.
- Bring the VR Arts Immersion™ Field Trip to your school for grade 6-8 art or music appreciation class(es). The event can accommodate up to 30 students in a showing.
- Bring all the technology equipment needed including 30 VR headsets and a Wi-Fi hotspot and stay there to introduce and support its use. Tablets/headphones will be available for students who would rather view the experience outside of the VR headset.
- Offer possible dates and times for the VR field trip (October-November) at the September 24 workshop from which teachers may reserve.
- Collect student and teacher responses to the experience in a short survey.

Art or Music teacher responsibilities:

- Participate in professional learning with Perpich specialists at the Northeast Service Cooperative on Thursday, September 24 (9:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.). Schools will need to provide their own coverage/substitute for the teacher to be able to attend.
- Select from the dates/times offered below for the VR Arts Immersion™ Field Trip to come to your art or music appreciation class(es). It would be good to have 1st, 2nd, and 3rd choices. Possible dates for the field trip to come to your school with exact times to be determined:

Mon, Oct 12 (p.m.)	Wed, Nov 4 (a.m. or p.m.)	Wed, Nov 18 (a.m. or p.m.)
Tues, Oct 13 (a.m. or p.m.)	Thurs, Nov 5 (a.m.)	Thurs, Nov 19 (a.m.)
- Facilitate any scheduling adjustments needed in the students' school day to be able to attend.
- Provide/reserve a suitable space in your school with a standard three-prong electrical outlet. Seating with tables is preferable. No food or drink is allowed around the VR equipment, however, water bottles that close are acceptable.

[Click here to register](#) for the professional learning workshop on Thursday, September 24.

Questions? Contact Wendy Barden at Perpich Center, wendy.barden@pcae.k12.mn.us