

Proposition 28: The Arts and Music in Schools-Funding Guarantee and Accountability Act Plan

Description

Led by the former Superintendent of Los Angeles Unified School District, Austin Beutner, Proposition 28 will provide K-12 public schools with dedicated funding for arts and music education by requiring the state, beginning with this school year 2023-24, to allocate from the state General Fund an amount equal to 1% of what the state provides for schools pursuant to Proposition 98.

During the fiscal year 2023–24, funds will be allocated by the California Department of Education (CDE) to each local educational agency (LEA). The distribution will be based on preschool and K–12 enrollment.

- 70 percent will go to schools based on their share of statewide enrollment.
- 30 percent will go to schools based on their share of low-income students enrolled statewide.
- Local governing boards may use up to 1 percent for administrative expenses.

Each school site principal or program director must develop an expenditure plan for these funds. LEAs with more than 500 pupils must certify annually that:

- The funds are to be used for Arts or Music education instruction
- At least 80 percent of the funds must be used to employ certificated or classified employees to provide Arts or Music Education
- The additional 20 percent can be used for a variety of arts education support, including arts educational partnership programs).
- The funds must be used to supplement existing funding for arts education programs
- LEAs must submit an annual board-approved report
- LEAs must post how funds were spent on their websites

Arts and Music Funding Allocation

Menlo Park City School District's Allocation of Proposition 28: The Arts and Music in Schools Funding is in the estimated amount of \$310,000 for 2023-2024. This amount can change annually based on student enrollment, as described above.

Arts and Music Funding Plan

Menlo Park City School District believes in the potential of the whole child, having talents and strengths beyond their academics. We have an opportunity to harness the energy and talents of all students across the district by developing a district-wide Theater Program as an essential part of a well-rounded education experience. Through theater, students can build their self-esteem, confidence, collaboration, communication skills, and more. A theater program also has the potential to involve other aspects of performing arts, such as dance, music, and arts, in which we have existing programs to support a new theater program.

Currently, MPCSD students can participate in drama and musical program that is fee-based with the support of parents and volunteers.

MPCSD's Theater Program will include all four of our schools. District leadership will partner with administrators and staff in developing the details of the program. In developing a new theater program, we recognize that new positions must be created and a budget to show how the \$310,000 will be utilized. District staff will bring these future items back to the school board for approval.