

Proposition 28: Arts and Music in Schools Plan

In the 2023-24 school year, Westside Union School District spent the year gathering information, and preparing to grow the Arts and Music in Schools (AMS) Program utilizing Prop 28 funding. In the year of 2023-24 no Funds were spent, no FTE's were hired and no administrative costs occurred. With a three-year spending window on current funds, the process of instructing and coaching site administration in how to prepare a site plan to expend the funds resulted in a delay of full implementation and unspent funds.

In the 2024-25 school year, art and music site plans will be approved and implemented so that the AMS program may begin. Sites will be encouraged to review the outlined programs below in the Permissible Programs List in order to diversify the offerings to best meet the unique needs of the school community.

We anticipate that hiring staff may be challenging as every district in the Antelope Valley ~~our~~ area will be looking for staffing to meet the requirements of the program. To this end, the Westside Union School District is hopeful that the Career Technical Education credentialing model will be extended to the AMS program.

Permissible Programs within the AMS Program

"Arts education program" includes (but is not limited to) instruction and training, supplies, materials, and arts educational partnership programs for instruction in dance, media arts, music, theatre, and visual arts including folk art, painting, sculpture, photography, craft arts, creative expression including graphic arts and design, computer coding, animation, music composition, ensembles, script writing, costume design, film, and video.

[California Education Code sections 51210](#) and [51220](#) recognize dance, music, theatre, and visual arts as courses of study, aimed at the development of aesthetic appreciation and the skills of creative expression.

The 2019 [California Arts Standards for Public Schools, Prekindergarten Through Grade Twelve \(Arts Standards\)\(PDF\)](#) add an additional course of study: media arts.