

TO: Larry Mendonca, Superintendent

Regular Meeting

SUBJECT: Arts Education Month Resolution #24-25-09

February 10, 2025

BACKGROUND

The California Department of Education has designated March as Arts Education Month. This Oakdale Joint Unified School District Arts Education resolution both recognizes the importance of celebrating the arts and commends our community and staff in their continued support of the OJUSD arts programs provided to our students.

ANALYSIS

The strong arts programs throughout our district provide powerful evidence of OJUSD's commitment to the arts. Our District provides a pipeline into the high school's Visual and Performing Arts Department that includes elementary music instruction for grades 1-6, elementary band for grades 5 and 6, and teacher-led art projects that line our school hallways and decorate our classrooms. Oakdale Junior High provides arts opportunities including art, band, guitar, and choir electives, and our high school's electives in visual and performing arts provide powerful and essential opportunities for Oakdale High School students.

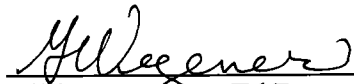
FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact for this resolution.

RECOMMENDATION

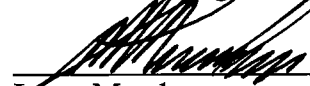
It is recommended that the OJUSD Board of Trustees approve Resolution #24-25-09.

Recommended by:



Gillian Wegener, Ed.D.
Assistant Superintendent, C & I

Approved for Recommendation
to the Governing Board by:



Larry Mendonca
Superintendent



OAKDALE JOINT UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

BOARD RESOLUTION # 24 – 25 – 09
*RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING MARCH 2025
ARTS EDUCATION MONTH*

WHEREAS, Arts Education, which includes dance, music, theater, and the visual arts, is an essential part of basic education for all students, kindergarten through grade twelve, to provide for balanced learning and to develop the full potential of the minds of children and you; and

WHEREAS, through well-planned instruction and activities in the arts, children develop initiative, creative ability, self-expression, self-reflection, thinking skills, discipline, a heightened appreciation of beauty and cross-cultural understanding; and

WHEREAS, experience in the arts develops insights and abilities central to the experience of life, and the arts are collectively a most important repository of culture; and

WHEREAS, an education in the arts teaches students how to work cooperatively with others, to better comprehend and value diverse cultures; and

WHEREAS, these celebrations give California schools a unique opportunity to focus on the value of the arts for all students, to foster cross-cultural understanding, to give recognition to the state's outstanding young artists, to focus on careers in the arts available to California students, and to enhance public support for this important part of our curriculum; and

WHEREAS, when the arts are central to the learning environment, school becomes a place of discovery and conditions for learning improve.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Oakdale Joint Unified School District, the month of March 2025 is designated as ARTS EDUCATION MONTH and that all educational sites are encouraged to continue to celebrate the arts with meaningful student activities and programs that demonstrate learning and understanding in the visual and performing arts.

Done this 10th day of February 2025.

AYES: TRUSTEES:

NOES: TRUSTEES:

ABSENT: TRUSTEES:

ABSTENTIONS: TRUSTEES:

Clerk of the Governing Board