

Proposition 28: Arts and Music in Schools Funding

Annual Report

Fiscal Year 2024-25

Name: Saratoga Union Elementary

CDS Code: 4369682-0000000

Allocation Year: 2024-25, 2023-24

1. Narrative description of the Prop 28 arts education program(s) funded. (2500 character limit).

In the 2024-25 fiscal year the following Proposition 28 funds in the District's four schools were allocated as follows: Saratoga Elementary is connecting art and science through their Living and Environmental Design Program. Their garden isn't just for growing veggies; it's become this awesome outdoor art studio where kids get creative while learning about nature. With a dedicated garden helper, they do all sorts of hands-on projects inspired by the garden, from painting plant markers to making art with pressed flowers and even soil! They also learn about famous artists like Georgia O'Keeffe and Vincent van Gogh, seeing how art and the natural world can inspire each other. Argonaut Elementary is helping to build a strong foundation in the arts for younger students. The Program Aide who's all about getting kids involved in hands-on arts and crafts, both inside and outside the classroom. This aide works closely with teachers to allow students to explore different art materials and techniques. It's not just about learning to draw or paint; it's also helping them develop problem-solving skills, use their imaginations, and feel more confident. Thanks to this funding, Argonaut Elementary can offer consistent, quality arts instruction across all the grades, making sure creativity is a key part of their education. Redwood Middle School supports a range of arts and enrichment activities. Their aide assists teachers and works directly with students in art, Makerspace, STEM, media arts, and music classes. This includes everything from preparing materials and organizing supplies to supervising students during projects and keeping things tidy. They also help with tech stuff and give students extra support when they need it. Foothill Elementary was unable to fill the position in 2024-25, but has some great revised plans for its Proposition 28 funds for the 2025-26 school year. Overall, what's happening at Saratoga, Argonaut, Redwood, and Foothill highlights the positive impact of Proposition 28 across California. Whether it's through unique programs that blend art and science, providing foundational art experiences, supporting diverse creative outlets in middle school, or planning for future enhancements in arts and technology, these funds are making a tangible difference in nurturing students' creativity and providing them with richer, more well-rounded educational opportunities.

2. Number of full-time equivalent teachers (certificated). 0.0

3. Number of full-time equivalent personnel (classified). 1.6

4. Number of full-time equivalent teaching aides. 0.0

5. Number of students served. 1,392

6. Number of school sites providing arts education. 3

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