

Proposition 28: Arts and Music in Schools Funding Annual Report

Fiscal Year 2024-25

Name: Chualar Union

CDS Code: 2765995-0000000

Allocation Year: 2023-24

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

Chualar Union School district is a one-school site district educating 249 students TK - 8th grade. This year was my first full year as the Superintendent / Principal. As such, there were many programs such as this that did not have a history of implementation. We took the year 2024-25 to draft job descriptions that were ultimately reviewed and ratified by our certificate and classified associations prior to Board approval. As we are a rural district, approximately 10 miles away from larger cities north and south of us, we have suffered the challenge of larger school district competition to acquire qualified teachers for this initiative. In our effort to advertise and acquire qualified music and fine arts teachers by the end of the school year, we were unsuccessful. Through this initiative the district is planning on expanding these services with two music teachers who will provide visual and performing arts via in-classroom instruction. This year, we have recently hired one music teacher and look forward to hiring a second music teacher to join our team during the second half of the school year. The initiative will serve TK-8th grade students, fostering creativity and artistic expression as well as opportunities to learn how to read music while learning to play various instruments such as guitar, piano, marimba, and percussion. Chualar

district's ongoing commitment to nurture students' talent and provide diverse learning experiences will expand from the comprehensive extended-day program to in-classroom fine arts experiences.

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

0.0

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

0.0

4. Number of full time equivalent teaching
aides

0.0

5. Number of students served

6. Number of school sites providing arts
education

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249

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**Chualar Union School District
Proposal Letter
2025**

For the past 20 years, the Rainforest Art Project has been committed to providing students with extraordinary creative experiences that deeply affect how youth think and interact with their peers and community. By inviting students to participate in the beautification of their school campus, and by providing classrooms with rich hands-on art opportunities, we are giving students the freedom to unlock their hidden potential. Through this creative process, students discover that they are so capable of bringing real, positive change to their schools and communities.

The Rainforest Art Project is proud to offer teachers and students reliable, cross-curricular and easy-to-follow art programs, suitable for any educational setting whether it's an in-person classroom instruction, after school program, summer or independent learning program. We have eliminated every major barrier teachers may have when cultivating the culture of arts as their everyday routine by providing all the supplies, vivid workbooks, video-based instructions and educational content. Our goal is to reduce teachers' stresses and empower them to gain more confidence and creative independence, having as much development and joy while teaching art, as their students get while learning.

The Rainforest Art Project team offers the following options for the art programs and individual projects for the students in grades TK - 8th, allowing for a unique hands-on learning experience for all participants.

We hope that the information below will help to build a foundation for our partnership in bringing more creativity to your students.

Sincerely,
Maria Titova
Executive Director

Creativity is defined as the act of turning new and imaginative ideas into reality. Creativity is characterized by the ability to perceive the world in new ways, to find hidden patterns, to make connections between seemingly unrelated phenomena, and to generate solutions. -Daniel Evers

ART CURRICULUM

1) NEW CONNECTIONS ART PROGRAM - Creativity boost. All-inclusive, 15 lessons, for Grades K through 5th- \$59/student. You can see [program overview](#) and what's included in the kit here: [Rainforest Art Project | New Connections](#)

This program is designed to eliminate every major barrier preventing students from receiving the quality art enrichment they deserve. The New Connections art program combines educational and instructional art videos with ready-to-go, fully individually packaged supplies, as well as colorful student workbooks. All of the lessons are academically aligned, and designed to fit into a 1 -1.5 hour timeframe, offering creative activities to build connections between art and social studies, math and language arts. The New Connections Art Program is easy to use by teachers, and is also a fun way of learning for students.

The New Connections art program focuses on projects that expose students to artistic tools, materials and techniques, as well as cultures and traditions around the world. The art making process includes opportunities for teacher lead discussions, as well as presenting individual art to the group and learning how to evaluate the artwork (part of the Educational and Arts standards for every grade level). Creating and analyzing art boost critical thinking and teamwork development, preparing students to succeed in the 21st century.

Concepts difficult to grasp in an academic setting become more accessible with the visual scaffolding present in the New Connections art program. Students struggling to learn English are encouraged to take risks in a non-threatening environment. They develop vocabulary, communicate more efficiently, and build confidence and self-esteem.

2) EXPLORATIONS PROGRAM – Individual Art & STEAM projects. Building Skills and Confidence. Fully customizable, ALL GRADE LEVELS.

All of the Explorations projects support the integrated nature of learning by building connections with the core subjects such as math, history, social studies, and geography, in a more in-depth way through art making. Each project brings opportunity for classroom discussions, and presenting individual art to a group while learning to speak and listen respectfully to fellow artists.

These engaging hands-on projects help to develop problem-solving skills, as well as gain confidence and knowledge necessary to complete the large mosaic artwork as a team.

Each project is **video-based**, and comes as a **fully individually packaged kit** for each student, including a colorful **workbook**, **all of the general and custom art supplies**. **Online resources, educational and instructional art videos, shipping and teacher training included.**

SEE SOME EXAMPLES BELOW:

- 1) Mosaic Mirror - CLICK HERE to see the project
 - Good for all grade levels
 - Brief History of Mosaics
 - 2 - 3 sessions, 1.5 hour each
 - Beginner Level
 - \$28/student
- 2) Treasure Box - CLICK HERE to see the project
 - Good for grades 3rd & up (younger students will need some help)
 - Pirates Around the World
 - 3 - 4 sessions, 1.5 hour each
 - Intermediate Level
 - \$40/student
- 3) Stepping Stone - CLICK HERE to see the project
 - Good for grades 4th & up
 - Ancient Gardens
 - 6 - 8 sessions, 1.5 hour each
 - Advanced level
 - \$48/student
- 4) Watercolor Stories - CLICK HERE to see the program
 - Good for grades 5th & up
 - Perspective; texture & pattern; mixed-media techniques
 - 5 projects, 1 hour each
 - Intermediate level
 - \$36/student
- 5) Log Birdhouse - CLICK HERE to see the project
 - Good for grades 4th & up (younger students will need support)
 - Architecture & Technology
 - 4 sessions, 1 hour each
 - Advanced level
 - \$54/student
- 6) Explorations Bundles - create your account on our website to see the videos
 - Beginner Level (K - 2nd) - 5 projects - \$89/student
 - Intermediate Level & Advanced Level (3rd+ & 6th+) - 5 projects - \$87/student
- 7) Pollination Program - CLICK HERE to see the program
 - Good for TK - K
 - Collage, Painting, Mixed-Media, clay, etc.
 - 5 projects, 1 - 1.5 hours each
 - \$75/student

3) PRINCIPLES of EXCELLENCE - More than an art program. It teaches fundamentals of art alongside valuable life principles such as Teamwork, Dedication, Commitment, and more; in a manner which brings added clarity to both subjects. 7 Units, 28 lessons, Grade 6 & up - \$79/student

This program is the result of years of collaboration between teachers, community leaders and professional artists. It is presented in a way which applies clear, visible qualities to the character development concepts which may ordinarily appear abstract and vague to many youngsters.

The Principles of Excellence art program comes with unlimited access to educational and instructional art videos, and includes fully-packaged supply kits, as well as vivid and informative workbooks. This efficient approach makes it convenient to implement the program for the classroom teachers during the regular instructional time.

The curriculum has 7 Units, 4 Lessons each, a total of 28 lessons - enough art for the whole year! All of the lessons are academically aligned, and offer creative activities to build connections between art and history, science, math and language arts. Concepts difficult to grasp in an academic setting become more accessible with the visual scaffolding present in the Principals of Excellence art program. Students develop vocabulary, communicate more efficiently and build a foundation of skills and thought processes, empowering them to excel in other subject areas.

The program is clearly structured, however the assignments leave a lot of room for students to express their thoughts and feelings, while focusing on self-growth. The art making process includes opportunities for teacher lead and open group discussions, as well as presenting individual art to the group and learning how to evaluate the artwork (part of the Educational and Arts standards for every grade level).

You can see program overview and what's included in the kit here: [Rainforest Art Project | Principles of Excellence | 6th–12th Grade](#)

MAKERS - COMMUNITY ART PROGRAM - MOSAIC INSTALLATIONS

Any of the permanent art projects for the school campus will be created in direct collaboration with students. The entire school can be involved in the design process through the *Creativity Circle* session. The exact number of students to participate in the mosaic workshops hands-on can be determined later, however we recommend engaging students in grades 3rd & up into the hands-on work.

Rainforest Art Project team provides the following services and materials as part of the large-scale plan:

- Professional mosaic training for all participating members, such as the school teachers, program leads, art teachers, or/and parent volunteers.

- Access to the instructional videos and online resources for the hands-on mosaic workshops to be run at the school site by project leads.
- All mosaic tools, equipment & supplies (custom cut substrates, glass tesserae, thinset, grout, etc.), prepared and packaged for students.
- Unlimited Technical Support and Installation
- Creating student certificates & dedication plaque acknowledging students' achievements
- Support with coordinating the unveiling ceremony

You can see some examples of the mosaic artworks here: [MAKERS Selected Portfolio](#)

Preliminary cost by project type

***Actual cost may vary depending on the complexity of the design, exact dimensions and number of the students involved.

- Prefabricated concrete garden sculptures, planters, etc. with mosaic finish, approx. 2 ft tall x 2ft wide x 2ft long: \$ 7,600+
- Wayfinding Mosaic Mural, approximately 2ft x 3ft (Library, Office, etc.): \$11,000+
- School Logo Medallion, 3ft in diameter: \$12,000+
- School Logo Medallion, 4ft in diameter: \$14,000+
- Inspirational Mosaic Mural (ex. banner-shaped, including school slogan, values, etc.) 2ft tall x 5 ft long: \$13,000+
- Custom Mosaic Bench, 18" tall x 18" wide x 60" long: \$12,000+
- Welcome Sign, ex. School name in separate letters, approx. 3ft tall x 10ft: \$20,000+
- Custom Mosaic Sculpture, made with high-density architectural foam, mesh & cement layers, with stained glass, tiles and/or polished rocks and minerals (ex. lizard bench): \$45,000+