

Merced County Office of Education  
 2025 Prop 28 Annual Report: Arts and Music

**Name: Merced Co. Office of Education**

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**Narrative description of the Prop 28 arts education program(s) funded for the 2024-25 school year:**

The Merced County Office of Education (MCOE) oversees and operates a wide range of specialized educational programs in both Special Education and Student Programs. These services are designed to support a diverse student population across Merced County, including students in special education, alternative education settings, and juvenile justice facilities.

To provide equitable access to high-quality arts and music enrichment, MCOE partnered with the Merced Multicultural Arts Center. Through this partnership, professional artists were contracted to lead engaging and culturally inclusive lessons across multiple disciplines.

Funding from Proposition 28 made it possible to purchase the necessary art supplies and materials to support these activities. Students, ranging from preschool through age 22, participated in a variety of enriching experiences, including:

- 2D and 3D Visual Arts
- Theater Arts/Drama
- Dance, including Polynesian, Breakdance, Hip Hop, and Jazz styles
- Art and Literature
- Music/Guitar Lessons

Each student received a minimum of one lesson per month, with sessions tailored to the learners' developmental and educational needs.

Additionally, special education students with emotional disabilities were offered extra guitar lessons through Prop 28 funding. These lessons were individualized based on student interest and proficiency, ranging from learning basic chords and strumming techniques to playing their favorite songs.

Through this initiative, Proposition 28 funding has significantly expanded opportunities for students to explore creative expression. Many students, particularly those in specialized settings, would not have had access to such programs without this support, demonstrating the transformative power of the arts in education.

1.	Number of full-time equivalent teachers (certificated).	0
2.	Number of full-time equivalent teachers (classified).	0
3.	Number of full-time equivalent teaching aides.	0
4.	Number of students served.	1062
5.	Number of school sites providing arts education.	80

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