

Prop 28: Arts & Music in Schools Funding Annual Report - Fiscal Year 2025-26

Name: Long Beach Unified
CDS Code: 1964725-0000000
Allocation Year: 2025-26

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

The Long Beach Unified School District continues to recognize arts education as essential to student success and a well-rounded education. For many years, all elementary schools have provided Music instruction for TK–5 students, while secondary schools have maintained comprehensive elective pathways across the visual and performing arts disciplines. Since the passage of Proposition 28 in 2022, LBUSD has expanded and strengthened access to arts learning opportunities districtwide. Now completing the third year of Prop 28 implementation, the district has reflected on program effectiveness, staffing, and school-site needs to support long-term sustainability and equitable student access. Through ongoing collaboration with school leaders, arts educators, and community stakeholders, LBUSD has refined implementation efforts while maintaining high-quality arts instruction for all students. Prop 28 funding continues to support certificated VAPA teachers, classified instructional staff, and Arts Walk-On Coaches who provide supplemental arts enrichment aligned to school-site priorities. Elementary schools continue offering expanded opportunities in Visual Art, Dance, and Theater in addition to longstanding music programs, while secondary schools use funding to enhance existing courses, increase student participation, and support arts-based projects and performances. In 2025–26, staffing levels remain consistent with prior implementation efforts and include 49.4 certificated teachers, 4.2 full-time classified staff, and 17 FTE teaching aides, representing the continued service of more than 80 Arts Walk-On Coaches with variable schedules. These staffing allocations continue to exceed Prop 28 requirements that at least 80% of funds support certificated and classified employees providing arts education services. Equity remains central to implementation. Funding and resources are directed to expand access and participation for students across all schools, particularly those historically underserved in arts education. Schools also continue to use Prop 28 funds to purchase instruments, art supplies, equipment, and instructional materials that support high-quality arts experiences. Through ongoing reflection, thoughtful planning, and sustained investment, LBUSD continues building a strong foundation for arts education so every student has opportunities to create, perform, express themselves, and thrive through the arts.

2. Number of FTE teachers (certificated)	49.4
3. Number of FTE personnel (classified)	4.2
4. Number of FTE teaching aides (arts walk-on coaches)	17
5. Number of students served	42,745
6. Number of school sites providing arts education	81

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