

Westminster School District



WSD VAPA Program Update

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FOCUS AREA 1.0

Academic Achievement & Continuous Innovation

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Create, implement, and continually improve a district-wide plan for instructional programs, strategies, and assessment tools ensuring all learners achieve grade level proficiency in all core subject areas (Literacy, Language Arts, Math, Science, Social Studies, PE, and Electives).

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Provide timely and effective differentiated instructional practices that monitor progress, inform teaching practices, and ensure student growth.

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Collaborate as a Professional Learning Community to determine guaranteed viable curriculum, create common assessments, analyze results, and share and adjust instructional practices.

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Refine and build commitment to fidelity of district-wide initiatives and ongoing professional development that support the teaching of content area standards and curriculum.

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Deliver intentional targeted Multi-Tiered Systems of Support and interventions for all students to close the achievement gap through evidence-based instructional strategies and differentiated instruction.

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Concurrent with instructional coherence, expand and create targeted innovative specialty programs across all schools in the district that cultivate critical and creative thinking by integrating problem-based learning opportunities to attract and retain students.

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Establish a comprehensive district-wide arts program for all students.





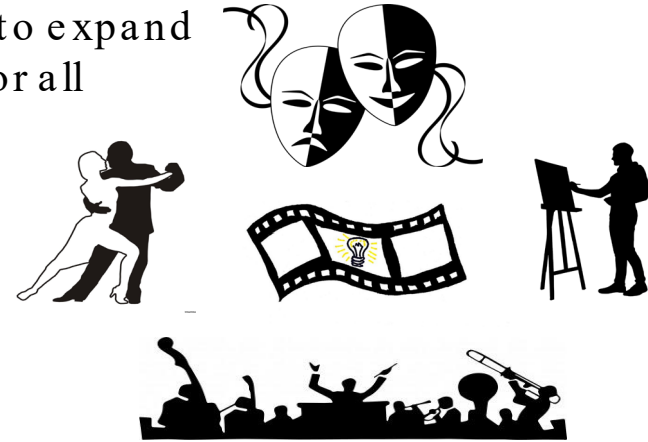
A Vision of Access and Excellence



- Thanks to Prop 28 and district investment, WSD continues to expand access to high-quality, standards-based arts instruction for all TK–8 students.

We are committed to:

- Equitable access to all five arts disciplines (Music, Theater, Visual Arts, Media Arts, Dance)
- Serving multilingual and diverse learners through inclusive arts
- Strengthening arts pathways from elementary to high school
- 2024–25 VAPA Staffing: 15 certificated teachers | 6 VAPA assistants | 1 coordinator



Budget Highlights and Professional Development



Budget Overview (2023 -25):

- \$1.4M+ annually (Prop 28)
 - Minimum of 80% for personnel
 - Maximum 20% on materials (ie: instruments, contracts)
 - 1% on administrative costs
- ~\$1.1M staffing | ~\$280K materials
- Additional \$500K Music & Arts Block Grant funded violins and violas



Uses of Funds:

Staff salaries, Art Explorers, music books, instruments, digital media equipment, classroom materials

Professional Development:

- CA Arts Standards & Framework
- Leveraging multilingual learners' assets
- SEL & behavior support
- Website design & tech integration
- PICs and cross-art discipline learning



Grounded in the CA Arts Standards and Framework



Our VAPA program is aligned with the California Arts Standards and Framework, emphasizing the four artistic processes:

- **Create** – Imagining and making new work
- **Respond** – Analyzing and interpreting art
- **Connect** – Relating art to personal and cultural context
- **Perform/Present/Produce** – Sharing work through performance or display

This promotes deep engagement, critical thinking, and personal expression.



Elementary Arts for All-TK-6



Grades TK-3

- Weekly 45-minute general music or musical theater lessons
- Singing, movement, rhythm instruments, storytelling



Grades 3-6

- Weekly 45-minute general music or musical theater lessons
- Ukulele for 3rd grade
- Strings (Violin/Viola) for 4th–6th grades
- Choir, musical theater, ensemble performance



Visual Arts

- All TK–6 students received 7 hands-on Art Explorers lessons
- Focus on technique, creativity, and art history
- Aligned to CA Arts Standards and artistic processes



Celebrating Student Learning Through Showcases

- Our end-of-year showcases celebrated what students in Grades TK–6 learned in music, dance, theater, and orchestra.
- TK–3 students shared songs, movement, and storytelling during classroom performances.
- Grades 4–6 performed musical theater scenes and string ensemble pieces.
- All TK–2 students participated in two showcases—one in general music and one in theater/dance.
- Showcases highlighted student creativity, collaboration, and growth across the arts.





Middle School VAPA Expansion

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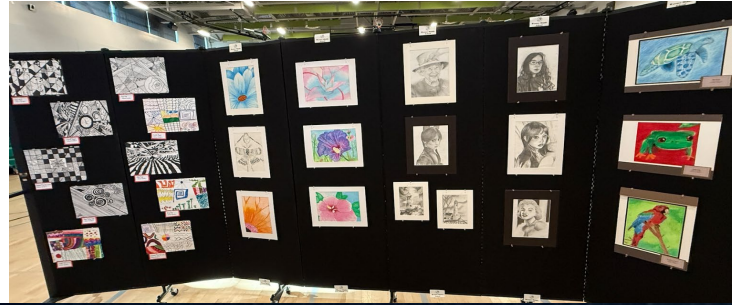
- Band & Orchestra
- Visual Arts

Middle School VAPA Wheel

- Musical Theater
- Visual Arts & Photography
- Digital Media/Film

End-of-Year Showcase

- Live music & theater
- Film screenings with voting
- Art/photography galleries
- Guest APA student performance



Building Partnerships

- HBUHSD
 - APA
- Westminster Council PTA
- OCDE
 - OCMAA
- LACOE
 - Center for Distance and Online Learning
- Community Groups
- ELOP



Thank you!

Comments and Questions?

