

Proposition 28: Arts and Music in Schools Funding

Annual Report

Fiscal Year 2025-26

Name: Saratoga Union Elementary

CDS Code: 4369682-0000000

Allocation Year: 2025-26, 2024-25, 2023-24

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

In the 2025-26 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 plays an important role in building a strong foundation in the arts for all students. Focused on engaging children in hands-on arts and crafts, both inside and outside the classroom, the aide collaborates closely with teachers to give students opportunities to explore a wide range of art materials and techniques. This work goes beyond simply learning to draw or paint—it helps students develop problem-solving skills, spark their imagination, and build confidence in their abilities. Thanks to this funding, Argonaut Elementary is able to provide consistent, high-quality arts instruction across all grade levels, ensuring that creativity remains an essential part of every student's 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 added a performing arts specials offering in 2025-26. All students learned with the Performing Arts Aide for 30 minutes weekly, exploring acting techniques, character motivation, and tech elements such as costuming. In addition, the aide also supported our school musical production of Peter Pan and ran an after school Storyteller's Club.

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

3. Number of full-time equivalent personnel (classified). 2.1

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

5. Number of students served. 1,516

6. Number of school sites providing arts education. 4

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