Proposition 28

Annual Update

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SARATOGA UNION
SCHOOL DISTRICT

Guidelines

At least 80 percent of expended funds will be used to employ certificated or classified employees to provide arts education program instruction in either dance, media arts, music, theatre, and visual arts.

Employees can provide services both within (under the supervision of a certificated employee) and outside of the school day.

Up to 20 percent of the expended Arts and Music in Schools (AMS) funds may be used for training, supplies and materials, and arts educational partnership programs.

Additionally, no more than 1 percent of funds received may be used for a local educational agencies (LEA's) administrative expenses, including indirect costs, to implement this program.

LEAs that use AMS funds for arts program instruction as part of the regular school day should keep in mind that statute requires that students be under the immediate supervision and control of a certificated employee of the LEA in order to generate attendance for apportionment and receive instructional time credit.

Saratoga Elementary

- Educational Partnership Input: SSC, Parent Survey, FAC, Staff Meetings, PTA, Principal Coffee

- Visual Arts, Living and Environmental Design Program: Our garden is more than a place to grow plants, it's a vibrant outdoor art studio where creativity and scecine come to life. This program positions the garden as an extension of our visual arts curriculum, enriching our science instruction through hands-on, nature-inspired artistic exploration. Our garden aide coordinates dynamic garden-based art activities that foster creativity, environmental awareness, and interdisciplinary learning. Students engage in projects such as painted garden stakes, pressed flower compositions, soil-based painting, plant dyeing, and nature journaling. They explore poetry, garden imprinting, and create works inspired by artists like Georgia O'Keeffe, John James Audubon, Vincent van Gogh, and Ansel Adams. From Impressionism to mosaics, the garden is a canvas where science and art intersect, deepening student's appreciation of both the natural world and the creative process.

- In 2025-26 we will continue to allocate funds for one Classified garden aide for an estimate of $57,653, with the garden aide working 19.9 hours per week. Instructional materials to support the program will be allocated with funds outside of our Proposition 28 allocation.

Argonaut Elementary

- Educational Partnership Input: Parent Advisory, Staff Meetings, PTA (This plan is continued from 2023-24).

- For 2025-26, we will continue to allocate funds of $33,523 for one Prop 28 Elementary School Program Aide that will play a pivotal role in enriching the artistic experiences of our students by fostering a hands-on, engaging learning environment that integrates both indoor and outdoor arts and crafts activities. The aide works in close collaboration with classroom teachers, providing students with opportunities to explore various artistic mediums and techniques.

  These experiences not only build foundational art skills but also strengthen students' problem-solving abilities, imagination, and confidence. Through this program, Argonaut Elementary has been able to offer consistent, high-quality arts instruction across grade levels, helping to create a well-rounded educational experience that values creativity as a core component of learning.

  Up to 20% of our Proposition 28 allocation for $4,601 will be used to purchase instructional materials to support the program.

Redwood Middle School

- Educational Partnership Input: SSC, Parent Survey, Leadership, Staff Meetings, PTA as well as Elective department. (This plan is continued from 2023-24).

- For 2025-26, we will continue to allocate funds of $44,210 for a Proposition 28 aide that supports the implementation of arts and enrichment opportunities funded through Proposition 28 by assisting teachers and working directly with students in Art, Makerspace, STEM, Media Arts, and Music classes. This role involves preparing instructional materials, organizing supplies and equipment, supervising students during hands-on activities, and maintaining a clean and safe learning environment. The aide helps set up and break down classrooms and workspaces, supports the use of technology and tools, and provides guidance to individuals and small groups. Additional responsibilities include assisting with inventory management, displaying student work, and performing clerical or organizational tasks as needed. The aide plays a role in fostering an inclusive, creative, and engaging environment that supports student learning and exploration across multiple disciplines.

- Additional, up to 20% or $13,857 will be allocated to provide instructional materials to support the program.

Foothill Elementary

- Educational Partnership Input: PTA, Parent Advisory, Staff Meetings, FAC

- Proposition 28 funds are allocated to enhance our arts programs. For 2025-26, we will hire **one dedicated instructional aide for 19.9 hours per week**: This aide will support our visual and performing arts programs, providing hands-on assistance with art classes, musical productions, and enriching the artistic learning experience.

  Additionally, up to 20% of these funds will be utilized to support our school musical production, further investing in student engagement in the performing arts. This allocation ensures Proposition 28 funds directly benefit our students' creative and technological development across a range of arts disciplines.

- Allocation: $33,523 for aide position + $9,812 for musical

Revenue Allocations & Expenditures

	2023-24 Allocation	2024-25 Allocation	2025-26 Estimated Allocation	Total 3 Year Allocations	2023-24 & 2024-25 Expenditures	Minimum 2025-26 Expenditures Required to Avoid Repayment to State	Projected 2025-26 Budget
Argonaut Elementary	$38,346	$38,124	$38,124	$114,594	$24,990	$13,356	$38,124
Foothill Elementary	$33,373	$31,377	$31,377	$96,127	$0	$33,373	$43,335
Saratoga Elementary	$32,710	$33,305	$33,305	$99,320	$57,653	$0	$57,653
Redwood Middle School	$75,697	$69,287	$69,287	$214,271	$39,164	$36,533	$58,067

Each allocation must be spent within 3 years. Unspent funds at the end of the third year must be repaid to the state. No anticipated return of funds this year as 2023-24 allocation does not expire until 6/30/2026.

2024-25 Annual Report

- Annually the Governing Board must certify the Proposition 28 Annual Report
- The purpose of the report is to reflect on the current year and demonstrate the impact of Proposition 28 funding
- Once approved by the Board, the report must be submitted to the California Department of Education (CDE) and posted on the District's website
- Report includes: Number of full-time equivalent teachers, classified personnel and teaching aides, number of pupils served and the number of sites providing arts education programs with AMS funds

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