

Proposition 28: Arts and Music in Schools Funding

Annual Report

Fiscal Year 2026-27

Name: San Mateo Union High
CDS Code: 4169047-0000000
Allocation Year: 2025-26, 2024-25, 2023-24

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

The San Mateo Union High School District is using Proposition 28 Arts & Music funds to strengthen and expand Visual and Performing Arts (VAPA) programs across all campuses. Guided by the District's equity mission, these investments create inclusive opportunities for every student to explore the arts, build creative skills, and connect their learning to future college and career pathways. Expanding Access and Staffing A major portion of the funds is dedicated to staffing new or expanded courses, ensuring smaller class sizes and more entry points for students new to the arts. Schools are adding full-time and part-time positions in music, dance, drama, and visual arts, while opening additional beginning-level sections so more freshmen and first-time performers can participate. Innovative Courses and Career Pathways Campuses are introducing programs that connect creativity to industry-relevant skills. New offerings include broadcast journalism, hip-hop dance, technical theater, and digital design courses like Photoshop fundamentals. These classes provide authentic experiences in media, technology, and performance, helping students see the arts as both a mode of expression and a potential career. Wellness and Community Engagement Art is also being used to promote student wellness and community connection. Schools are offering art therapy workshops, wellness-period art activities, and student-run projects such as farmers' market art sales, helping students build confidence, improve attendance, and gain practical work experience. Materials, Equipment, and Professional Growth Remaining funds support essential supplies new instruments, costumes, studio equipment, and classroom technology-along with professional development for teachers and opportunities to bring guest artists and industry professionals into classrooms. Through these coordinated efforts, SMUHSD is turning Proposition 28 funding into a districtwide commitment to creativity, cultural relevance, and equitable opportunity. Students gain access to rich artistic experiences that honor their diverse backgrounds, nurture their talents, and prepare them for success in college, career, and life.

2. Number of full-time equivalent teachers (certificated).	5.6
3. Number of full-time equivalent personnel (classified).	0.0
4. Number of full-time equivalent teaching aides.	0.0
5. Number of students served.	840
6. Number of school sites providing arts education.	7

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