

Prop 28: Arts & Music in Schools Act

New & Ongoing Funding for PK-12 Arts Education

In November 2022, California voters **overwhelmingly approved Prop 28: The Arts and Music in Schools — Funding Guarantee and Accountability Act**. Prop 28 provides a minimum source for annual funding to “supplement arts education programs” for pupils attending state-funded PK-12 public and charter schools.

California law mandates standards-based instruction in grades K-12 in dance, music, theatre, and visual arts. SRI Education’s latest study, “Creativity Challenge: The State of Arts Education in California,” commissioned by the William and Flora Hewlett Foundation, shows that **only 11% of schools meet these requirements**, and access to quality arts education remains inequitable with 14% of schools with mostly low-income students offered all 4 four disciplines, compared to 32% of schools with affluent majority students.

The passage of Prop 28 is a **historic opportunity** to ensure equitable access to quality, standards-based arts education for all PK-12 California public school students.

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW:

Funding is estimated between **\$800 million and \$1 billion a year**, with the first allocation going out in the fiscal year 2023 - 24.

Funding is required to **expand** (i.e., supplement) arts education programs and not replace (i.e., supplant) existing funding for arts education programs.

School Districts will allocate funds to eligible school sites in the amounts the California Department of Education calculates.

Each school can determine which arts education programs it will offer with the new funding. School administrators with teachers, families, and students should decide what arts education programs best serve local students.

Each school must submit an annual board-approved report detailing Prop 28 expenses, including the types of arts education programs offered, the number of staff, the number of pupils served, and the number of school sites providing arts education programs.

WHAT YOU CAN DO:

Share this flyer and your ideas for the Prop 28 funds with your school community.

Advocate that the new funds EXPAND current arts programming and not merely supplant existing arts education funding.

If your school district still needs a strategic arts education plan, advocate for a plan and [share our planning resources](#).

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