Create CA advocates for high-quality arts education for all students by providing policy expertise and mobilizing a statewide network of advocates and allied partners.

**WE ADVOCATE FOR EQUITABLE ACCESS TO QUALITY ARTS EDUCATION BECAUSE…**

*All Students Have a Right To Arts Education, But Only Some Receive It*

The California Education Code Sections 51210 and 51220 require all students to have access to classes in MUSIC, DANCE, VISUAL ARTS, & THEATRE. But only 11% of schools currently meet this mandate.

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**This Is An Equity Issue**

Students in low-income communities have significantly less access to arts education, which affects their learning and academic outcomes.

**Expression Is Key For Positive Mental Health**

The arts reduce anxiety and increase connection, motivation, engagement, and self-regulation.

**Students With An Arts Education Succeed More Professionally**

In 2021, California's creative economy generated 1.8 million jobs, and creative workers had an average annual salary of nearly $150,000. Also, according to the World Economic Forum, creative thinking ranks as the second most important skill for workers in 2023.

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**STUDENTS WITH AN ARTS EDUCATION DO BETTER ACADEMICALLY** They are:

- 5x more likely to stay in school
- 4x more likely to get recognized for an achievement
- 3x more likely to get a bachelor's degree
- 30% more inclined to pursue a professional career

**Prop 28: Arts & Music in Schools Act**

Prop 28, passed in 2022, provides annual funding for arts education for PK-12 public schools. Parent, Guardian, and Advocate voices are critical and needed in deciding how to spend the funds locally. Start by talking to your school principal and parent group, identify the gaps in arts education, and share your vision at the next parent meeting or coffee with the principal.

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**What you can do to support arts education in your school**

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