

# THE ADVOCATES ALPHABET CHEAT SHEET: ADVOCATES' VOCABULARY

## LEGISLATION & POLICY

**Proposition 13:** A California constitutional amendment that impacts property taxes and funding for public services, including arts programs.

**Prop 28:** A proposition that mandates increased funding for arts and music education in public schools by requiring 1% of the state's education budget, excluding administrative costs, to support these programs annually, ensuring consistent funding without an expiration date.

**SB 933 (Art for Kids Act):** California legislation aimed at increasing funding for arts education in public schools.

**SB 1423:** Legislation requiring California public schools to include media arts in their curricula.

**Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA):** Federal education law that includes provisions for arts education as part of a well-rounded education.

**Public Art Ordinances:** Local laws requiring a percentage of public or private development costs to be allocated to public art projects.

**California Cultural Districts Program:** State initiative recognizing and supporting cultural districts to stimulate local economies and promote cultural diversity.

**LCFF (Local Control Funding Formula):** California's funding model for public schools that allocates funds based on student needs and allows for local decision-making on budget priorities.

**LCAP (Local Control and Accountability Plan):** A strategic plan developed by California school districts to outline how they will use state funds to improve student outcomes, addressing eight state priorities, including basic services, student achievement, and parental involvement.

## PHRASES

**Arts Education:** Programs and initiatives that support the teaching and learning of visual and performing arts in schools.

**Culturally Responsive:** Ensuring fair access, opportunities, and resources reflective of the school's communities and populations

**Creative Economy:** Economic sectors that include arts, culture, and creative industries.

**Arts Advocacy:** Efforts to support and promote the arts through policy, funding, and public awareness.

**Community Engagement:** Activities and programs designed to involve local communities in the arts.

**STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Mathematics):** An educational approach that integrates the arts into the traditional STEM fields to foster creativity and innovation.

**Standards-Based:** An educational approach that focuses on students achieving specific learning standards set by the state or national guidelines, ensuring consistent educational outcomes and accountability.

**Strategic Arts Education Planning:** A structured process for developing and implementing a long-term vision and plan to enhance and sustain arts education within a school or district, often involving stakeholders and aligning with broader educational goals.

**CTE (Career & Technical Education):** Educational programs that specialize in the skilled trades, applied sciences, modern technologies, and career preparation, providing students with hands-on experience and skills directly applicable to the workforce.

**AME (Arts, Media, & Entertainment Pathway):** A specialized career and technical education pathway that focuses on preparing students for careers in the creative industries, including visual arts, media production, performing arts, and related fields.

**Call To Action:** A spoken or written prompt intended to get a viewer, reader, or listener to perform a specific act given with an action verb. Examples include take the pledge, learn more here, donate today, etc.

## ORGANIZATIONS AND AGENCIES

**CDE (California Department of Education):** The state agency responsible for overseeing public education in California, ensuring that schools comply with education laws and regulations.

**CAC (California Arts Council):** The state agency responsible for promoting and supporting the arts in California through grants, programs, and services.

**NEA (National Endowment for the Arts):** A federal agency that provides grants and support for arts projects and organizations across the United States.

**CCSESA (California County Superintendents Educational Services Association):** An organization that provides leadership and services to California's county superintendents, including support for arts education programs.

**CBOs (Community-Based Organizations):** Nonprofit groups that operate at a local level to provide services, support, and advocacy tailored to the needs of the community; Create CA's key CBO partners include Arts 4 LA, Friends of Sacramento Arts, and Arts Education Alliance of the Bay Area (AEABA).