

Proposition 28: Arts and Music in Schools Funding Annual Report

Fiscal Year 2023-24

District Name: Los Angeles Unified School District

CDS Code: 19647330000000

Allocation Year: 2023-24

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

Proposition 28 provides increased investments in Arts Education, which is critical for academic growth, student personal development, social emotional expression and an overall appreciation for diversity and culture. Proposition 28 provided approximately \$77 million this school year for school investments in Arts Education at Los Angeles Unified School District. Additionally, these funds allowed us to provide additional resources to our Targeted Student Populations.

During the 2023-2024 budget development period, school principals received clear guidance on how to spend Proposition 28 funds. The instructions included that State law requires schools to use at least 80% of funds to employ certificated or classified employees to provide arts instruction. This may include Elementary Arts Itinerants, Secondary Arts Teachers, Teacher Assistants, or Instructional Aides. Principals were also informed that any positions purchased under Proposition 28 funds must have job duties consistent with the respective class description. Finally, principals were informed that the remaining funds may be used for training, supplies and materials, and arts educational partnership programs.

In the 2022-2023 school year, LAUSD expended \$74 million for arts education. During the 2023-2024 school year we have allocated \$206 million in arts education, inclusive of Proposition 28 funds. The increased funding allows for expanded student access to dance, music, theater, and visual and media arts across all grade levels. While school-level funding may vary, on average, our schools saw an \$82,000 increase in their total Arts budget since last school year. The increased investment represents a 60 percent increase in a school's budget on average.

Thanks to Prop. 28 and increases to its Targeted Student Populations Arts and Cultural Arts Passport program, Los Angeles Unified increased its total Arts budget to \$206 million in the 2023-24 school year, compared to \$74 million spent in 2022-23. It should be noted that Proposition 28 funds were not used for the LAUSD Cultural Arts Passport Program. Schools received two different allocations, one for Prop 28 and a separate one for the Cultural Arts Passport.

Although this is a new program, we are grateful that California voters recognized the importance of investing in arts education through a ballot initiative. Proposition 28 funds are important to our school communities because these increased investments in arts education are critical for academic growth, student personal development, social emotional expression and overall appreciation for diversity and culture.

2. Number of full-time equivalent teachers (certificated).	342.04
3. Number of full-time equivalent personnel (classified).	7.72
4. Number of full-time equivalent teaching aides.	46.88
5. Number of students served.	382,282
6. Number of school sites providing arts education	901

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