

Proposition 28: Arts and Music in Schools (AMS)

Educator & Arts Professionals Reference Guide

California Department of Education, February 2024



Funding Usage

The purpose of AMS is to be an ongoing source of funding for preschools through grade twelve public schools to supplement (expand) arts and music education programming. "Arts education program" includes (but is not limited to) instruction and training, supplies, materials, and arts educational partnership programs for instruction in dance, media arts, music, theatre, and visual arts including folk art, painting, sculpture, photography, craft arts, creative expression including graphic arts and design, computer coding, animation, music composition, ensembles, script writing, costume design, film, and video.



Local educational agencies (LEAs) with more than 500 pupils must expend at least 80 percent of the funds to employ certificated or classified employees to provide arts education instruction, unless a waiver is granted from the California Department of Education (CDE).

Expenditure Plans

For each school site or preschool, the principal or program director shall develop an expenditure plan for the funds. The CDE is not providing a template for this plan and encourages collaboration to make the best choices that serve the students in their local community.

Local Funding Amounts

The CDE will publish the annual funding per school on the AMS funding website and apportion the funds to LEAs to distribute to individual school sites.

Schools may pool their AMS funds for inter-school programs, but funds cannot be reallocated to different school sites.

How to Prepare



Participate in Local Program Inventories

Learn what is already offered at local schools and how they plan to supplement programs.

Research New Job Opportunities



Update resumes, certificates, or credentials as new educators and contractors will be needed.



Outreach & Local Partnerships

Help bridge school sites with local businesses and artists to facilitate authentic collaboration.

Know the California Arts Framework



This document provides best teaching practices in dance, media arts, music, theater, and visual arts (adopted July 2020 by the State Board of Education).

Additional Resources

Proposition 28—Arts and Music in Schools Web Page

<https://www.cde.ca.gov/fg/aa/pa/prop28ams.asp>

Proposition 28—Arts and Music in Schools FAQs

<https://www.cde.ca.gov/eo/in/prop28artsandmusicdfundingfaq.asp>

California Arts Education Framework

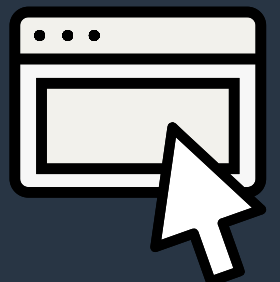
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California Arts Standards for Public Schools, Prekindergarten Through Grade Twelve

<https://www.cde.ca.gov/be/st/ss/documents/caartsstandards.pdf>

Commission on Teacher Credentialing: Prop28

<https://www.ctc.ca.gov/credentials/assignment-resources/prop-28--arts-and-music-in-schools>



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Funding Restrictions



All funds must be used to supplement funding for arts education programs. For the purpose of this program, “supplement” means that local educational agencies (LEAs) increase funding of arts education programs and not to supplant existing funding for those programs (California *Education Code (EC)* Section 8821[e]).

Unless a waiver is granted from the California Department of Education, LEAs with more than 500 pupils must expend at least 80 percent of the funds to employ certificated or classified employees to provide arts education instruction and the remaining funds for training supplies, curriculum, professional learning, materials, and arts educational partnership programs. Additionally, no more than 1 percent of funds received may be used for an LEA’s administrative expenses, including indirect costs, to implement this program.

Annual Reporting Requirements

The following reports are annual (plus a final expenditure report):



- **Expenditure plan**- This is completed at the school site. It is not mandated to be publicly posted or submitted to the state.
- **Annual report**- This is completed by the LEA. It must be board approved and submitted to the state.
- **Annual certification**- This is completed by the LEA. It is not mandated to be publicly posted, but records of the certification need to be kept for the annual audit.

Waiver

The state may grant a waiver from the funding requirements of *EC* Chapter 5.1, Section 8820, subsection (g)(1) for good cause shown.

LEAs will submit a written waiver once for each allocation year within the three-year expenditure period.

Audit Procedure

AMS funds are subject to annual audits starting in the 2023-24 fiscal year.

The audit guide is under development and will be available spring of 2024.

How to Support Schools



Provide Legal Advice

Provide local guidance based on specific needs and history.



Professional Learning For New Hires

As schools hire new employees, provide training opportunities.



Involve Schools in Report Template Development

To expediate annual data gathering, include schools in template production.



Create Spaces to Share Implementation Across the LEA

As programs develop and overcome barriers, allow for sharing of best practices.

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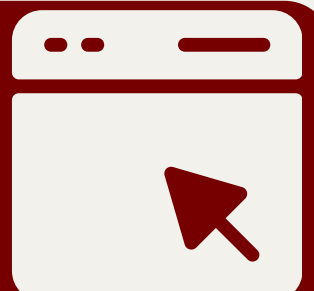
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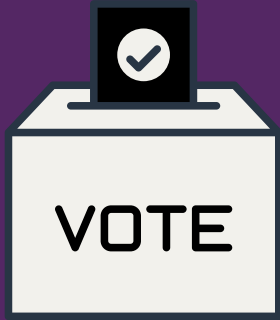
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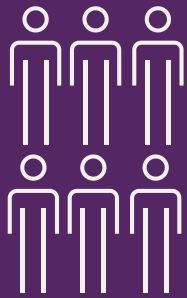
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Proposition 28 Approval and Purpose

Proposition 28 was approved by California voters on November 8, 2022, with approximately 64 percent voter support.

Its purpose is to be an ongoing source of funding for preschool through grade twelve (P-12) public schools to supplement (expand) arts and music education programs.



Who Qualifies and Benefits

In total, about 6 million P-12 students will benefit from AMS.

Schools do not need to apply as funds are calculated based on enrollment in P-12 public schools (including charter schools), State Special Schools, and eligible preschools.

Funds Distribution

First funding associated with Proposition 28 will be provided in the 2023-24 school year.

Funding is ongoing and annual, meaning eligible schools will receive AMS funding every year with no ending.

Funding Amount

AMS guarantees an additional 1 percent of what local educational agencies (LEAs) receive for kindergarten through grade twelve education funding from the state to supplement arts and music programs at public schools. For 2023-24, this is \$938 million.

LEAs with 500 or more students must spend 80 percent on Arts and Music staffing.

How to be Involved



Know Your Local School's Allocation

The California Department of Education (CDE) will publish annual funding results per school on its public website listed below.

Contribute to Program Planning



Participate in outreach to determine local programs and partnerships.



Request a School Site Expenditure Plan

AMS requires school sites to develop an annual expenditure plan. Request this from your local administrator(s).

Review AMS Annual Reports



AMS requires an annual report that must be board approved, submitted to the CDE, and posted to the LEA's website.

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