

Proposition 28: Arts and Music in Schools Funding

Annual Report

Fiscal Year 2024-25

Name: Riverside Co. Office of Education

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

In the 2024–25 school year, the Riverside County Office of Education's Alternative Education launched a collaborative initiative to bring high-quality arts education to students in court and community schools. Recognizing the importance of educating the whole child, the program was designed to make the arts a meaningful and consistent part of the school day across all regions of the county. The initiative created three regional hubs—South County (Murrieta and San Jacinto), West County (Riverside), and the Coachella Valley (Palm Springs and Indio)—to serve the geographically diverse campuses. Within each hub, students participated in a six-week rotation of artist residencies that delivered sequential, standards-based instruction in a specific artistic discipline. The residencies focused on: • Visual arts, using recycled and repurposed materials to help students explore creativity and environmental awareness through hands-on projects. • Poetry and spoken word, emphasizing personal voice, social justice, and creative self-expression as tools for reflection, empathy, and transformation. • Dance and movement, encouraging students to express emotion, build confidence, and experience joy through physical storytelling and performance. Artists were carefully selected for their instructional effectiveness, ability to connect with youth, and experience working in trauma-informed and alternative education settings. Prior to delivering instruction, they toured the facilities and received training in trauma-informed practices and the operational guidelines specific to probation programs. The Artist in Residence program has added an engaging, creative dimension to the learning environment in court and community schools, supporting students' emotional growth, self-expression, and access to a full and enriching education. This program is expected to grow in future years, reinforcing RCOE's commitment to equitable arts access and whole-child development.

2. Number of full-time equivalent teachers (certificated). 1.5

3. Number of full-time equivalent personnel (classified). 0.0

4. Number of full-time equivalent teaching aides. 0.0

5. Number of students served. 348

6. Number of school sites providing arts education. 8

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