Arts Education
In District LCAPs
Research initiative analyzing all 81 school district Local Control Accountability Plans (LCAPs) in LA County.
77% mentioned the arts as part of Goals /Progress Indicators or Action/Expenditures

77% (62 DISTRICTS)

of LCAPs mention the arts
• District Arts Plan for arts education that addressed standards based, sequential, arts ed for every student in all four arts disciplines

• Parent Advocate
Course Access  
(Broad Course of Study)  
40 Districts

Student Achievement  
(Test scores & college/career preparedness)  
39 Districts

Other Student Outcomes  
(Measuring student outcomes in required areas of study, like the arts)  
37 Districts

Student Engagement  
(Attendance, dropout, & graduation rates)  
36 Districts

Implementation of State Standards  
(Common Core & other standards)  
29 Districts

School Climate  
(Suspension & expulsion rates)  
25 Districts

Basic Services  
(Teachers, materials, & facilities)  
23 Districts

Parent Involvement  
17 Districts
2013

In 2013, the California Alliance for Arts Education launched a campaign to invest in arts education to help all students succeed.

**The Arts Bring Out the Best in Our Students**

- Problem Solver
- Risk-Taker
- Creative Thinker
- Collaborator

**Invest in Arts Education to Help All Students Succeed**

The Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF) offers a historic opportunity to invest in our children’s future. Arts education aligns with LCFF goals and nurtures a set of unique skills and outcomes for students that help them succeed in school and in life.

**Goals of LCFF**

- Student Engagement
- Parental Involvement
- School Climate

**Benefits of Arts Education**

- Higher attendance rates and lower drop out rates
- Increases parent and community involvement
- Decreases disciplinary problems and encourages positive student attitudes about their classrooms

**Common Core Standards**

The arts have a central and essential role in achieving the finest aspects of the common core.

**Broad Course of Study**

- Theater, dance, music and the visual arts are a valued part of a broad course of study, as set out in the state education code (51210, 51220)

**Student Achievement**

- Boosts test scores and achievement in literacy, math skills and ELA especially for English Language Learners and low-income students

**Pupil Outcomes**

- Increases graduation rates; fosters 21st Century work skills like creativity, critical thinking and collaboration

**Basic Services**

- Credentialed arts teachers enrich standards-based materials and learning in classrooms

**Sources**

1. Arts Education Partnership (Aug). Preparing Students for the Next America. California Alliance for Arts Education
3. Art for All: A call to action for arts in education. California Alliance for Arts Education
• Determine a specific ask
• Find out when community LCAP meetings will be held in your district
• Meet with the Superintendent
• Make the case to the School Board
• Join the Parent Advisory Committee
Arts Education Strategies in California LCAPs

• Increase Student Participation in the Arts
• Reduce the Achievement Gap for English Learners
• Deepen Student Engagement & Improve School Climate
• Foster a Balanced Educational Program for All Students
Aim: Increase Student Participation in the Arts

District Highlight: Burbank Unified School District, Los Angeles County
45% White 40% Latino 5% Asian/Pacific Islander 4% Filipino 3% African American 11% English Learners 41% Free and Reduced Price Meals

Goal
Increase access to arts and music education K-12

Actions/Services
Continue to add elementary music teachers
Provide weekly music instruction for students
Increase instructional minutes in music instruction for students
Implement components of the District Arts Education Plan
Provide additional funding to all secondary school sites for instrument repair and replacement
Increase available visual arts supplies and materials for students
Replace damaged or worn visual arts supplies and materials

Expected Annual Measurable Outcomes
Decrease current 818:1 ratio of students-to-elementary music teachers (grades 2-5)
Maintain 1200 minutes per year of music instruction for students in grades 2 and 3
Maintain 1600 minutes per year of music instruction for students in grades 4 and 5
Increase the number of visual and performing arts courses in grades 6-12 by 3%
Increase the number of students enrolled in secondary visual and performing arts courses by 5%
Decrease high school drop-out rate to 3.0%
Decrease district school suspension rate to 2.0%

State Priorities
Basic Services (1)
Implementation of State Standards (2)
Pupil Engagement (5)
Course Access (7)

Strategies from across California

Actions/Services
Redlands USD
Provide one full-time employee to expand elementary strings program in grades 4-8

Westminster USD
Hire additional music and physical education teachers to support professional learning community work on arts integration in the core curriculum

Expected Annual Measurable Outcomes
Santa Ana USD
Increase number of students enrolled in VAPA courses by 5%

Galt Joint Union HSD
Increase number of students graduating with at least 1 year of credit in both World Language and a Visual and Performing Arts by 5%
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For more info, visit:

• California Alliance for Arts Education
  • [www.artsed411.org/lcff](http://www.artsed411.org/lcff)

• Arts for All
  • [www.lacountyartsforall.org](http://www.lacountyartsforall.org)

• Arts for LA
  • [www.artsforla.org](http://www.artsforla.org)