

Proposition 28: Arts and Music in Schools Funding

Annual Report

Fiscal Year 2026-27

Name: Kern Co. Office of Education
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1. Narrative description of the Prop 28 arts education program(s) funded. (2500 character limit).

During this fiscal year, California Proposition 28 funds were utilized to expand arts education across multiple programs including Reaching Individual Success through Education (RISE) - Court & Community Schools, Child Development, and Special Education. RISE (Court & Community Schools): We continued our successful partnership with the Kern Arts Council to provide high-quality arts education opportunities for students throughout our district. Building on the foundation established the previous year, the program expanded from five to seven school sites with the addition of West Kern Community School and Redwood High School, increasing access to arts programming for students in underserved communities. Program resources were leveraged strategically by expanding existing equipment and materials, allowing us to serve more students across locations without compromising quality. This expansion strengthened our capacity to deliver hands-on arts experiences while maximizing Proposition 28 funding. A highlight of the year was a student soap-making project providing valuable artistic and entrepreneurial skills. Students created handmade soaps as gifts for family members, fostering creativity, connection, and pride. The project received community recognition and was featured on the Kern County Probation social media page, showcasing positive student outcomes. Looking ahead, we aim to increase capacity through Commercial Arts Labs at two school sites, with potential to expand to a third as resources allow. These labs will provide students access to industry-relevant tools, technology, and learning opportunities supporting career exploration and workforce readiness in the arts. Through continued collaboration, Proposition 28 continues to enhance access to arts education and create opportunities for growth, creative expression, and career development. Child Development: Funding directly enhanced early childhood learning by incorporating interactive art, music, and performing arts sessions into every individual classroom, fostering early creative expression and developmental engagement. Special Education: Proposition 28 resources provided targeted, specialized arts instruction including Art Therapy, Music, and Dance and Movement to Special Education students at two dedicated school sites (Aurora and Richardson).

2. Number of full-time equivalent teachers (certificated).	0.0
3. Number of full-time equivalent personnel (classified).	1.2
4. Number of full-time equivalent teaching aides.	0.0
5. Number of students served.	916
6. Number of school sites providing arts education.	19
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