

Proposition 28: Arts and Music in Schools Funding Annual Report

Fiscal Year 2023-24

District Name: Fresno Unified School District

CDS Code: 1062166-0000000

Allocation Year: 2023-24

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 \$12.8 million in 2023/24 for school investments in Arts Education in Fresno Unified School District.

During the 2023/24 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 20% may be used for training, supplies, materials, and arts educational partnership programs. Due the funds being allocated so late in the school year; most secondary principals used their funds to have arts teachers prep periods bought out in order to offer additional art class offerings. In addition, Fresno Unified School District was able to hire two more full-time dance teachers, and one more full-time theater teacher. There were 16 school sites that did not spend any of their funding and this fiscal year but have plans in place for the 2024/25 school year.

The plan moving forward is to continue hiring elementary arts integration and dance teachers, as well as expanding our mariachi and folklorico programs as indicated by our educational partners' feedback.

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.

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| 1. Number of full-time equivalent teachers (certificated). | 7.575 FTE |
| 2. Number of full-time equivalent personnel (classified). | 0 FTE |
| 3. Number of full-time equivalent teaching aides. | 0 FTE |
| 4. Number of students served. | 48,110 |
| 5. Number of school sites providing arts education | 99 |

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