

Prop 28: Art and Music Grant Plan

Background:

In November, Proposition 28: The Arts and Music in Schools Funding Guarantee and Accountability Act was successfully passed by California voters. This measure mandates the establishment of ongoing support for arts instruction in schools starting from the academic year 2023-2024.

Specifically, one percent of the K-12 portion of the Proposition 98 funding guarantee from the previous fiscal year, excluding funding allocated for the Arts and Music in Schools (AMS) program, will be earmarked for this initiative.

The California Department of Education (CDE) will determine the allocation of grants to individual school sites on an annual basis. Subsequently, each school will have the autonomy to decide which arts education programs they wish to offer. In this decision-making process, school leaders will collaborate with teachers, families, and students, ensuring that the choices made best serve the unique needs of their local school community.

NCSA's Plan:

To create a spending plan for integrating Proposition 28 (Prop 28) Arts and Music grant funding from the California Department of Education (CDE) into Nevada City School of the Arts (NCSA) charter school's art and music program, we currently allocate resources strategically to maximize impact while aligning with the goals of the grant. The CDE has allocated \$64,018 to NCSA for the 2023-24 school year. Here's a detailed spending plan:

Personnel Expenses:

- **Salaries:** NCSA will allocate all of the grant funding to cover the salary of our existing full-time music teacher. We utilize our general fund to pay for the benefits of the full-time music teacher and the full-time art teacher, in addition to two other part-time art teachers.

We provide an extensive art and music program utilizing other sources of funding like the one-time Arts & Music Discretionary grant, unrestricted lottery funding, fundraising and general state funding for a comprehensive arts education.

Curriculum Development and Materials:

- **Art Supplies and Equipment:** we invest in high-quality art supplies, materials, and equipment to support hands-on learning experiences in visual arts in order to ensure classrooms are well-equipped with tools for various art mediums.
- **Music Instruments and Resources:** We have purchase musical instruments, sheet music, instructional materials, and technology resources to enhance the music program. We also cover maintenance and replacement costs for instruments over time.

Facilities and Infrastructure:

- Arts Facilities: NCSA has three art classrooms, 2 music rooms and a theater to maintain.
- Technology Infrastructure: We have invested in 30 iPads to support digital art and 8 new laptops to support digital music. We also allocate funds to support digital subscriptions for arts and music education.

Community Partnerships and Engagement:

- Assemblies and Workshops: We invite artists of all mediums and cultures to provide a diverse experience for student assemblies, workshops, and guest artist programs that enrich the arts and music curriculum and provide students with opportunities to learn from professional artists.
- Field Trips and Cultural Experiences: Students regularly go on field trips to museums, galleries, concerts, and cultural events that enhance their exposure to various art forms and musical genres.
- Community Outreach Events: We host events, performances, and exhibitions that showcase students' talents and foster community engagement.

By following this spending plan, Nevada City School of the Arts can effectively utilize Prop 28 Arts and Music grant funding to enhance its existing art and music program, provide enriching experiences for students, and further integrate arts into the academic curriculum.