

ONTARIO-MONTCLAIR SCHOOL DISTRICT

Ontario, California

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Ontario-Montclair School District Proposition 28: Arts and Music in Schools Funding Annual Report for the 2023 – 2024 School Year

Program Narrative:

Students in Transitional Kindergarten (TK) through 12th grade have opportunities to participate in programs funded by the Proposition 28 funding source, also known as Arts and Music in Schools (AMS) funding. Pursuant to EC Section 8820(g)(2), LEAs are required to use AMS funds to increase funding for arts education programs, as defined by EC Section 8821(a) and not to supplant existing funding for those programs. The legislation allocates one percent(1%) of the kindergarten through grade twelve (K–12) portion of the Proposition 98 funding guarantee provided in the prior fiscal year, excluding funding appropriated for the AMS education program. Local educational agencies (LEAs) with 500 or more students are required to ensure that at least 80 percent of AMS funds to be expended are used to employ certificated or classified employees to provide arts education program instruction. The remaining funds must be used for training, supplies and materials, and arts educational partnership programs, with no more than 1 percent of funds received to be used for an LEA's administrative expenses.

Ontario-Montclair School District (OMSD) school sites began the community engagement process in Spring 2023 to garner input from educational partners and begin planning for Proposition 28 Arts and Music in Schools program implementation. Based on input provided by families, students and school staff, each site determined the preferred area(s) of interest in Arts and Music. Twenty of thirty-three OMSD sites hired Proposition 28 staff to provide programs during the 2023 – 2024 school year, the first optional year of implementation. District staff worked collaboratively with all OMSD Divisions in order to support schools in hiring qualified certificated teachers and/or Classified Trainers to provide Proposition 28 programs and services.

In OMSD, students in Transitional Kindergarten (TK) through 8th grade have opportunities to participate in programs funded by the AMS funding. In addition, an itinerant Classified Trainer has been hired to service Preschool age students in arts and music education. OMSD currently has twenty school sites implementing Proposition 28 programs. The remaining thirteen school sites have garnered educational partner input and are completing the hiring process. All thirty-three OMSD sites are expected to implement Proposition 28 programs during the 2024 – 2025 school year.

Below is a summary of programing offered through Proposition 28: Arts and Music in Schools Funding for the 2023 – 2024 School Year:

A variety of programs were implemented using the AMS funding, during 2023 – 2024 school year. Program offerings included Visual Arts, Performing Arts, Music, Robotics, Coding, Broadcast Journalism and Dance. Proposition 28 educators integrated the California Arts Standards into the Visual Arts curriculum, creating project-based lessons. Performing Arts students participated in various performances throughout the school year. Proposition 28 funding also allowed for the expansion of various music programs in OMSD that introduced new musical instruments. The funding also created Robotics, Coding, Broadcast Journalism and Dance elective options for students at the middle school levels.

The Learning & Teaching Division hosted Proposition 28 staff opportunities for collaboration throughout the school year and these meetings will continue in order to support curriculum development, program scheduling and provide educators a forum to share lesson ideas and resource options. OMSD staff attended San Bernardino County Office of Education (SBCOE) Roundtable and Community of Practice sessions to collaborate with leaders across the county in order to support Proposition 28 implementation and established a District focus group to monitor program compliance. Annually, each school site will work collaboratively with parents and staff on their School Site Council to create and approve a Proposition 28 School Site Expenditure Plan.

Additional Information:

- The 2023 – 2024 Funding allocation for OMSD: \$3,407,049
- Number of full-time equivalent teachers (certificated) hired: 11
- Number of full-time equivalent personnel (classified) hired: 6
- Number of full-time equivalent teaching aides hired: 0
- Number of students served: 8,859
- Number of school sites providing arts education through the AMS Proposition 28 funding: 20
- 2023 – 2024 Projected Expenditures for Proposition 28: \$1,654,414

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