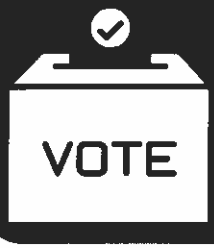
Proposition 28: Arts and Music in Schools (AMS)

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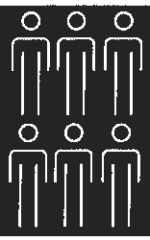
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Proposition 28 Approval and Purpose

Proposition 28 was approved by California voters on November 8, 2022, with approximately 64 percent voter support.

Its purpose is to be an ongoing source of funding for preschool through grade twelve (P-12) public schools to supplement (expand) arts and music education programs.



Who Qualifies and Benefits

In total, about 6 million P-12 students will benefit from AMS.

Schools do not need to apply as funds are calculated based on enrollment in P-12 public schools (including charter schools), State Special Schools, and eligible preschools.

Funds Distribution

First funding associated with Proposition 28 will be provided in the 2023-24 school year.

Funding is ongoing and annual, meaning eligible schools will receive AMS funding every year with no ending.

Funding Amount

AMS guarantees an additional 1 percent of what local educational agencies (LEAs) receive for kindergarten through grade twelve education funding from the state to supplement arts and music programs at public schools. For 2023-24, this is $938 million.

LEAs with 500 or more students must spend 80 percent on Arts and Music staffing.

How to be Involved



Know Your Local School's Allocation

The California Department of Education (CDE) will publish annual funding results per school on its public website listed below.

Contribute to Program Planning



Participate in outreach to determine local programs and partnerships.



Request a School Site Expenditure Plan

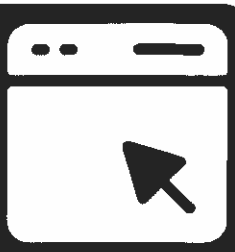
AMS requires school sites to develop an annual expenditure plan. Request this from your local administrator(s).

Review AMS Annual Reports



AMS requires an annual report that must be board approved, submitted to the CDE, and posted to the LEA's website.

Additional Resources



Proposition 28—Arts and Music in Schools Web Page
https://www.cde.ca.gov/fg/aa/pa/prop28ams.asp

Proposition 28—Arts and Music in Schools Funding
https://www.cde.ca.gov/eo/in/prop28artsandmusicedfunding.asp

Proposition 28—Arts and Music in Schools FAQs
https://www.cde.ca.gov/eo/in/prop28artsandmusicedfundingfaq.asp

Proposition 28—Arts and Music in Schools Statute
https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/codes_displayText.xhtml?division=1.&chapter=5.1.&part=6.&lawCode=EDC&title=1

California Arts Standards for Public Schools, Prekindergarten Through Grade Twelve
https://www.cde.ca.gov/be/st/ss/documents/caartsstandards.pdf