

Proposition 28: Arts and Music in Schools Funding Annual Report Fiscal Year 2025-26

Name: Downey Unified School District

CDS Code: 1964451-0000000

Allocation Year: 2025-26

1. Narrative description of the Prop 28 arts education program(s) funded. (2500 character limit).

Downey Unified implemented Year One of its TK–12 Visual and Performing Arts Strategic Plan to expand equitable access to high quality arts education through specialized instruction, TK–12 articulation, and community partnerships. Prop 28 funding supported 11 credentialed elementary VAPA teachers who provided standards-based instruction in music, visual arts, dance, and theater across all 13 elementary schools. Students participated in sequential arts learning, interdisciplinary experiences, and expanded performance opportunities. The District strengthened TK–12 alignment through mentoring, clinics, and collaborative performances connecting elementary, middle, and high school programs. Community partnerships enriched learning through workshops, performances, field trips, and family engagement opportunities. Secondary programs expanded arts pathways, industry experiences, and career exploration, increasing student participation and supporting long-term access to high quality arts education.

Number of full-time equivalent teachers (certificated) -11 Elementary VAPA Itinerant teachers, 4 MS VAPA teachers and 2 HS VAPA teachers	17.00
Number of full-time equivalent personnel (classified) - .96 Middle and 12.32 High school music coaches	13.28
Number of students served (includes all elementary, middle and high school students receiving VAPA education)	15,890
Number of school sites providing arts education	21

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