

# Artspiration Newsletter

Welcome Back Issue - August 2024



## Hello 2024-25!

Welcome back to a new and exciting school year! I hope this message finds you refreshed and ready to embark on another journey of creativity, learning, and inspiration.

As your Santa Clara County Office of Education Arts Coordinator, I am thrilled to support and celebrate the incredible work you do. Your dedication to fostering creativity, imagination, and critical thinking in our students is invaluable. Through your guidance, you help students discover their voices, express their identities, and engage with the world around them.

This year, we are focusing on providing resources to teachers in their classrooms to bring arts education more deeply into the broader curriculum, enriching our students' learning experiences and creating more interdisciplinary connections. Your expertise is crucial in making this vision a reality. Whether through visual arts, music, theater, dance, or digital media, your contributions make a significant difference in the lives of our students.



I encourage you to explore new ideas, collaborate with colleagues, and continue to inspire your students with innovative and engaging lessons. Our team is here to provide the resources, support, and professional development opportunities you need to succeed. We will highlight our annual events like the teacher mini-grant, ArtsEdConnect Grant, the Young Artist Showcase, and the *¡Viva el mariachi!* Showcase, highlighting Youth Arts Month, and technical assistance to districts and the local arts community.

We'd like to celebrate events taking place at your school and in your district. Please reach out to me if you have an event you'd like for us to highlight in this newsletter for our new District Corner!

Thank you for your passion, commitment, and creativity. Together, we will make this school year a memorable and enriching experience for all our students.

Here's to a fantastic year ahead!

Sincerely yours,  
Sofia Fojas, Ed.D  
Santa Clara County Office of Education

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## Share Your School or District Arts News!



If you would like to share arts news from your school or district, please send a high-resolution JPG or PNG, a short narrative of no more than 250 words, a flyer or a video (or both) to [sfojas@sccoe.org](mailto:sfojas@sccoe.org) for our District News. The deadline to submit material is the 5th of every month and is dependent on the available space and timing in the newsletter.

\*\*You must also send me media/talent release forms for all student images posted in the newsletter. Please email me to obtain the SCCOE talent release forms in English, Spanish, and Vietnamese.

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## SV Creates' ArtsEdConnect Grant Applications Open Today!

The ArtsEdConnect partnership of the Santa Clara County Office of Education and SVCreates is pleased to announce that through the generosity of the Warmenhoven Family Foundation and the County of Santa Clara, arts education grants will be awarded again this school year.

The ArtsEdConnect program awards grants to eligible teachers and classrooms in public and charter schools in Santa Clara County to



support and encourage arts education in our schools. The grants are available to take students on arts field trips, bring artists into the classrooms, fund student performances, and create various art projects that foster creativity, innovation exploration, self-expression, and social and emotional learning.

Eligible educators from all levels and content areas are invited to create projects that support stand-alone arts experiences in the five arts disciplines (music, visual art, media art, dance, theater) or integrate science, technology, history, literature, or social sciences with the arts.

#### ArtsEdConnect 2024 - 2025 Educator Grant Options

- **Arts Experiences Grant – up to \$2,500 per teacher**

Grant funds can be used for classroom workshops delivered by artists, a residency with local artists, field trips, museum visits, attending live theater performances, or other similar arts experiences.

- **Arts Experiences & Materials Grant – up to \$3,000 per teacher**

Funds can be used for a combination of arts experiences and materials in a coherent project, for example, working with a resident artist to produce a play, including purchasing materials for costumes. There is a cap of \$500 on materials and supplies. These should be procured in support of the arts experience.

*Note: You may only apply for one grant.*

#### Important Dates

- The grant applications will be accepted Wednesday, **August 14, 2024**, through Wednesday, **September 18, 2024**.
- The ArtsEdConnect Grant Committee will review submitted applications and send out grant award emails by **October 14, 2024**.
- The grant funds will be disbursed between **November 15, 2024 - December 15, 2024**.
- Grants must be expended by **April 30, 2025**, with final reports due no later than **May 31, 2025**.



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ArtsEdConnect Grant Flyer 2024-25

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## **SVCcreates Presents: Prop 28 - What's it all about?**



Join us for a hybrid panel and discussion session on Tuesday, August 20 from 4:00pm - 5:30pm, online, on how we can work together to maximize Prop 28. This program is for arts leaders, school administrators, teaching artists, educators, and anyone interested in discussing Prop 28, the Arts and Music in Schools Act, and the different ways it is shaping arts education programming in our community. Mark your calendars!

PANEL DISCUSSION

## PROP 28 DISCUSSION

WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT, HOW DOES IT IMPACT YOU, AND WHAT'S COMING DOWN THE ROAD?

TUESDAY, AUGUST 20  
4:00PM - 5:30PM  
HYBRID



Santa Clara County  
Office of Education



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### Proposition 28 Reporting Updates (Arts and Music in Schools)



#### Annual Report Extension for Arts and Music in Schools

As of Friday, July 26, 2024, Local Educational Agencies (LEAs) have extended access on the online [AMS web portal](#) to submit their AMS annual report as detailed in [California Education Code Chapter 5.1, Section 8820\(g\)\(4\)](#). This functionality will remain open for submission until 11:59 p.m. on Monday, September 30, 2024. Please note this date has been updated from previous communications based on LEA feedback. Any LEA who has already submitted the annual report through the AMS web portal may edit their report until the window closes on September 30, 2024.

#### Proposition 28 FAQ Updates

Please go to the Proposition 28 FAQs for the most recent updates made on July 15, 2024. The updated FAQs address topics such as funding amounts and allowances, staffing, clarifying the roles and responsibilities of the LEA and the school site, the waiver process, and accountability related to reporting requirements, the audit process, and penalties. Look at the following FAQs for these updates: 4,5,10,13-18, 21, 23, 29, 30, 32-34, and 36.

# Professional Learning Opportunities - SCCOE

## SCCOE Library Camp!

The Santa Clara County Office of Education (SCCOE) invites school library staff and public library staff from all areas of the profession to present at our **2024 Annual Library Camp Conference** at 1290 Ridder Park Drive, San Jose, California on August 28 & 29, 2024. Two types of activities will be offered:



- **Concurrent Sessions** - 55 minutes long.
- **Poster Sessions** will occur during the exhibit hall previews during a 45-minute time slot. The sessions themselves will be informal, with presenters engaging in one-to-one interaction with visitors.

We hope you can join us! Please contact Amanda Turkie for more information, [aturkie@sccoe.org](mailto:aturkie@sccoe.org)



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## Arts Education Community of Practice 2024-25

Arts teachers, generalists, and teaching artists are invited to engage in a community of practice throughout the school year. Work together to discover ways to integrate the arts disciplines into your curriculum through an equity lens.



Register



## Summer Arts Education Institute 2024

The Summer Arts Education Institute 2024 was held at Harbor High School in Santa Cruz from Monday, June 10 until Thursday, June 13, from 10:00 to 3:00 daily. It was an inspiring event with facilitators, Andres Ortiz, Lauren Yurkovich and Monica Galvan. Guest presenters included Laurel Shastri, Amalia Diaz, and Camilio Ortiz from El Sistema. Six facilitators and 23 classroom teachers and teaching artists from across the 4 counties in our region 5 gathered here in Santa Cruz to engage deeply in the various arts disciplines and to learn how to apply arts education and arts integration strategies in their classrooms! The inspiring week was full of thought-provoking dialogue, critical inquiry, creative movement, and expressive visual arts explorations. This year's themes were the "Artist Toolkit, Connection, and Abundance". We introduced examples of culturally relevant art lessons that promote socio-emotional development, and address arts integration strategies in ELD, math, and science.

A special thank you to Harbor High School for hosting us once again, and to the districts in our county and county offices of education across our Region 5 (Santa Cruz, Santa Clara, Monterey, and San Benito) that invested in this wonderful opportunity to support your classroom teachers in engaging deeply in this powerful professional development experience, gaining skills and tools to bring the arts into their classroom curriculum.



## Artspiration Partner Events

### Directing Change - Mini-grant Opportunity

**Youth Creating Change is thrilled to announce a new Mini Grant Opportunity for Bay Area schools!** The mini grant program

facilitates participation in the organization's annual film contest, Directing Change, and engages youth to learn about suicide prevention, mental health, and other critical health and social justice topics by creating short films and art projects that are used to support awareness, education, and advocacy efforts across the state, in their communities, and on their campuses. This free and



evaluated curriculum has been implemented in California schools for 12 years. Students have a chance to win cash prizes and participate in an award ceremony.

**Eligible Organizations:** Bay Area middle schools, high schools, and school-based youthclubs.

Participating youth should be in grades 6-12. Public, private, and charter schools are all eligible to apply.

*Eligible counties:* Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, Monterey, Napa, San Benito, San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, Sonoma, and Solano.

**Mini Grant Funding:** Up to \$1,500

**Requirements:**

- Facilitate participation of at least one classroom in the Directing Change curriculum during the 2024 Fall semester, resulting in a minimum of 5 film submissions to the annual suicide prevention and mental health film contest (submission deadline November 20, 2024).
- Plan and implement a mental health or suicide prevention awareness event on campus or virtually by the end of October 2024.
- Students must receive at least one lesson plan on mental health or suicide prevention taught by a member of the Youth Creating Change team by November 2024.
- Complete survey about the program.
- Submit a final report documenting mini grant activities by December 1, 2024.

In addition to the mini grant funding, the Youth Creating Change Team will provide ongoing support, including meetings with advisors and youth, reviewing storyboards, helping facilitate virtual lessons for classes, and providing feedback for the mental health or suicide prevention awareness event on campus.

**Interested?** Complete these steps by August 31.

- Step 1: Complete this application form with your contact information
- Step 2: Submit W-9 form as part of your application.

**Questions?** Email [devin@directingchange.org](mailto:devin@directingchange.org).

[Click here to apply](#)

## Artspiration@SCCOE



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**Artspiration** is the countywide initiative to support arts education for all students in Santa Clara County Schools.

**Vision:** Partnering with public schools, arts organizations, and the greater community to foster equitable and transformative education through the Arts.

**Mission:** Artspiration is committed to shared leadership in advocating, empowering, and supporting sustainable arts education to develop the creative capacity of each student and educator in Santa Clara County public schools.

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