



Artspiration Newsletter

Welcome Back 2025 | Issue 1



Artspiration News



Welcome back to a new school year! We hope you were able to rest and recharge during the summer break. As we gear up for the next school year, please take a look at the new round of grants with the ArtsEdConnect Teacher Mini-grant and the Artspiration-led projects! Please share this newsletter amongst your friends and colleagues.

ArtsEdConnect Grant 2026

ARTS GRANTS For Santa Clara County Teachers

Eligible educators from all levels and content areas are invited to apply!

Accepting Applications: August 14, 2025 - September 18, 2025

LEARN MORE TODAY!

www.sccoe.org/arts/artsedconnect



*****Note: Applications open on Thursday, August 14!***

- Arts Experiences Grant – up to \$2,500 per teacher
- Grant funds can be used for classroom workshops delivered with local artists.
- Funds can also be used for 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 that includes purchasing materials for costumes.
- These should be procured in support of the primary arts experience. (For this grant option, there is a cap of \$500 on materials and supplies.)

Note: You may only apply for one grant.

Important Dates

- August 14, 2025 - September 18, 2025 - ArtsEdConnect Grant applications live for submission
- October 14, 2025 - ArtsEdConnect Grant Committee Application review meeting to be followed by teacher acceptance/rejection emails
- November 14, 2025 - December 19, 2025 - Grant award fund check disbursement by mail
- April 30, 2026 - Awarded Grant funds must be all used up by this day
- May 29, 2026 - Final Awardee Grant Reports Due

****For a 1:1 consultation for your project, please click on the button below.**

[Go To the ArtsEdConnect Grant Page](#)

[1:1 Consultation for ArtsEdConnect Grant](#)

Artspiration 2025-2026



Artspiration Strategic Planning and Leadership Council 2025-26

We are engaging in a strategic planning process this fall and invite you to participate in shaping the direction of Artspiration for the next five years! Mariah and Jessa from Studio Pathways are back to lead us through this important process!

Register by clicking on the button below. The fall sessions will be dedicated to strategic planning, Proposition 28 - Arts and Music in Schools, and a sustainable and transformative arts education in our schools.

- October 30, 2025; 1-5 (in person)
- November 6, 4-6 online
- January 21, 2026, 4-5 online
- February 17, 2026; 4-5 online
- April 21, 2026, 4-5 online

[Register for the Artspiration Leadership Council and Strategic Planning Here!](#)

2026 Viva el Mariachi Showcase

Save the date!

The Santa Clara County Office of Education is excited to present the 2026 *Viva el Mariachi!* Showcase on Friday, March 20, 2026, at the Mexican Heritage Plaza Theater, beginning at 6:00 PM.

Partner Corner



Proposition 28 - Arts and Music in Schools News

As of July 21, 2025 the California Department of Education (CDE) has updated its Proposition 28—Arts and Music in Schools Funding page (**Proposition 28—Arts and Music in Schools Funding - Transforming Schools: Superintendent's Initiatives [CA Dept of Education]**) to include a link to the recently published Proposition 28: Arts and Music in Schools Funding Results for the 2025–26 school year advance apportionment (**Funding Results: Proposition 28: Arts and Music in Schools [CA Dept of Education]**).

For information specific to Santa Clara County schools, please click on the button.

Santa Clara County AMS Allocations 25-26



The Monterey Jazz Education Program is now accepting applications and audition videos for the 2026 Next Generation Women in Jazz Combo (NGWIJC)!

The Next Generation Women in Jazz Combo audition process does NOT require any application fees! To be considered, applicants must complete the application form AND submit their audition videos by **11:59 PM (PDT) on Wednesday, October 22, 2025**. Please visit the **NGWIJC program page** for more details.

Click on the button for more information.

Next Generation Women in Jazz Combo

Arts Reading





What you need to know about California's Prop. 28 arts education initiative | Quick Guide

The groundbreaking initiative has run into significant hurdles during its rollout, including a teacher shortage, widespread confusion about spending rules and pointed disagreements on how to interpret the law.

[Read More](#)



Americans for the Arts
ACTION Fund

10 Reasons to Support the Arts

The arts are fundamental to our humanity. They ennoble and inspire us—fostering creativity, empathy, and beauty. The arts also strengthen our communities socially, educationally, economically, and improve health and well-being. If you believe everyone should have the opportunity to participate in the arts and every child should be receiving a quality arts education, use the following 10 reasons to show why an investment in artists, creative workers, and arts organizations is vital to the nation's health and prosperity.

[Read More](#)

Technical Assistance and Office Hours

As your County Arts Coordinator, I am available for consultation about all things arts education and can provide professional learning for educators, arts organizations, and community organizations. If you would like to connect, send me an email. In my response email, use the hyperlink 'Book time with Sofia Fojas' to set up a meeting. The meeting link can be found in my signature.

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