

California Arts Council

ARTS EDUCATION PORTFOLIO

A commitment to arts education is one of the California Arts Council's core values.

Arts education is an essential tool for healthy human development, student success and lifelong learning that must be available to all - in early childhood, during and after school and for all ages.

Arts education is a foundational component of all four pillars of the California Arts Council Strategic Plan.

The Council implements a three-pronged approach to ensuring that all Californians have access to learning opportunities in the arts.

ARTS LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL CALIFORNIANS

POLICY & THOUGHT LEADERSHIP:

CREATE CA
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Report

GRANT PROGRAMS:

Artists in Schools

JUMP StArts

INITIATIVES:

Poetry Out Loud

Creativity at the Core

Student Voices

Turnaround Arts CA

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Creativity Challenge



POLICY & THOUGHT LEADERSHIP

Partnerships to build public will and resources for arts education

CREATE CA (Core Reforms Engaging Arts to Educate):

The California Arts Council is a leading organizational member of this statewide coalition of agencies, organizations and individuals partnering on an arts education reform movement that views the arts as an essential part of the solution to the problems facing California schools and a central piece of every child's education.

Otis Report on California's Creative Economy:

The California Arts Council partners with the Otis College of Art and Design to develop an economic analysis of the creative economy in California, providing compelling and undeniable evidence for the need to invest in high-quality arts education to sustain the talent pipeline that feeds the creative economy.

GRANT PROGRAMS

Supporting and championing the diverse and effective arts education programs across the state

While almost all of our grant programs support arts learning activities, two are explicit in their focus on arts education.

Artists in Schools

This signature grant program supports projects that integrate community arts resources - artists and local arts organizations - into comprehensive, standards-based arts-learning at school sites.

JUMP StArts

Rooted in a commitment to ensuring that art is accessible to all Californians, including the most vulnerable and at-risk, this program supports arts education programs for youth within the juvenile justice system.

INITIATIVES

Taking action to innovate and engage by integrating the arts into all facets of education

Poetry Out Loud

Partnering with the National Endowment for the Arts and the Poetry Foundation, the California Arts Council manages this extraordinary, free program for high school students to learn and perform great poetry, and win prizes - including a trip to Washington DC to compete in the national finals.

Student Voices

The California Arts Council has invested in this successful digital media initiative of the California Alliance for Arts Education. Student Voices empowers students to share their creativity by learning digital storytelling and creating videos about the meaning of the arts in their lives.

Creativity at the Core

The California Arts Council has invested in this initiative to integrate arts learning into the implementation of Common Core in California schools. A program of the California County Superintendents Educational Services Association (CCSESA) will create arts-based professional-development modules for teachers that incorporate arts into Common Core instruction.

Turnaround Arts California

In partnership with the President's Committee on the Arts and the Humanities and architect Frank Gehry, the California Arts Council has invested in this program that uses arts education strategies to significantly improve ten of California's lowest performing elementary schools.

Conservation Creativity Challenge: Water!

A pilot in 2015, this poster contest for 4th and 5th graders encourages students to harness their creativity to raise awareness of everyday water conservation practices.