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Arts and Music in Schools (AMS) Funding Plan

Description

Led by the former Superintendent of Los Angeles Unified School District, Austin Beutner, Proposition 28 (passed by 64.40% of voters in November 2022) provides K-12 public schools with dedicated funding for arts and music education by requiring the state, beginning with school year 2023-24, to allocate from the state General Fund an amount equal to 1% of what the state provides for schools pursuant to Proposition 98.

During the fiscal year 2023–24, funds were allocated by the California Department of Education (CDE) to each local educational agency (LEA). The distribution is based on preschool and K–12 enrollment. Funds are allocated each school year as ongoing funding.

- 70 percent will go to schools based on their share of statewide enrollment.
- 30 percent will go to schools based on their share of low-income students enrolled statewide.
- Local governing boards may use up to 1 percent for administrative expenses.

Each school site principal or program director must develop an expenditure plan for these funds. LEAs with more than 500 pupils must certify annually that:

- The funds are to be used for Arts or Music education instruction;
- At least 80 percent of the funds must be used to employ certificated or classified employees to provide Arts or Music Education;
- The additional 20 percent can be used for a variety of arts education support, including arts educational partnership programs;
- The funds must be used to supplement existing funding for arts education programs;
- LEAs must submit an annual board-approved report; and
- LEAs must post how funds were spent on their websites.

Arts and Music in Schools (AMS) Funding Allocation

Hillsborough City School District's Allocation of Arts and Music in Schools Funding was \$145,993 for 2023-24. This amount can change annually based on student enrollment, as described above. The entire allocation for 2023-24 was received by June 27, 2024. HCS D will receive an additional allocation during the 2024-25 school year and each year thereafter.

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Hillsborough City School District supports student engagement and access to arts education as evidenced through its ongoing commitment to music and arts through elementary and middle school courses. HCSD will use AMS funds to increase and improve arts education as mandated by statute. HCSD did not expend any AMS funds during the 2023-24 fiscal year.

During the 2024-25 fiscal year, HCSD principals will gather information from staff, students, and the community to determine how to best use funds to increase and improve arts education for students at each school site. For LEAs who demonstrate strong commitment to arts education, a waiver from the requirement to spend 80% of the LEAs allocation on staffing may be requested. While HCSD endeavors to further increase and improve services for all students across the district, and given the individual school allocations and the cost of staffing, HCSD will request a waiver from the “80% on staffing” requirement. If this waiver is granted, it will allow school principals, with the support and input from staff, students, and the community, to direct AMS funding in ways that best meet the identified needs of students at the school.

After principals have gathered input from their constituents, an updated presentation will be made to the Hillsborough City School District Board of Trustees. This presentation will include details on planned actions to increase and improve arts education at each school site with AMS funding. This presentation will occur by June 30, 2025 at the latest.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve the Hillsborough City School District’s expenditure plan for Arts and Music in Schools (AMS) funding.