

Proposition 28: Arts and Music in Schools Funding

Annual Report

Fiscal Year 2024–25

Name: Empire Springs Charter
CDS Code: 3667736-0128439
Charter School Number: 1592
Allocation Year: 2023-24

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

Prop 28, passed in California in 2022, provides targeted funding to enhance arts and music education in public schools, addressing long-standing resource gaps. For music education, this funding supports the expansion of opportunities for students across all grade levels, ensuring equitable access to quality programs, particularly for underserved communities. A significant portion of Prop 28 funds will be used to hire additional music teachers, reducing class sizes and enabling more individualized instruction. With a focus on fostering creative development, schools will create specialized music programs that cater to a wide range of student interests, from instrumental and vocal training to music theory and composition. These funds will also allow schools to purchase much-needed instruments, technology, and equipment. Updated music rooms equipped with modern tools like digital keyboards, sound systems, and recording devices will provide students access to hands-on learning experiences. The emphasis is not only on traditional music education but also on integrating technology, allowing students to explore music production, composition, and sound engineering. Professional development for music educators is another critical aspect of Prop 28's impact. Teachers will participate in workshops and training sessions, learning the latest pedagogical approaches and integrating diverse musical genres and traditions into their curriculum. This ensures that students receive a dynamic and culturally relevant education. In addition to enhancing the in-class experience, Prop 28 will support extracurricular activities like school bands, choirs, and music clubs. Funds will help schools organize field trips to concerts and cultural institutions, exposing students to professional performances and diverse music traditions, enriching their learning experience. Overall, Prop 28 elevates music education to a central role in California's public school curriculum, ensuring that all students, regardless of their socioeconomic background, have the chance to engage in creative expression, discover their musical talents, and develop a lifelong appreciation for the arts. This initiative fosters not only artistic skills but also boosts students' confidence, teamwork, and critical thinking, contributing to their overall academic success and personal growth.

2. Number of full-time equivalent teachers (certificated). 2.0

3. Number of full-time equivalent personnel (classified). 0.0

4. Number of full-time equivalent teaching aides. 0.0

5. Number of students served. 1,232

6. Number of school sites providing arts education. 1

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