



**Rosemead
School District**
Established in 1859

Press Release

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Rosemead School District Announces its Recognition as a Recipient of the Los Angeles County Department of Arts and Culture Awards Grants — Advance Arts Education, Advancement Grant

Rosemead, California: The Rosemead School District announces it is a recipient of the Los Angeles County Department of Arts and Culture Awards Grants — Advance Arts Education, Advancement Grant previously known as the Arts for All grant.

As a continued recipient of the grant award and matching funds, the District will continue to support the expansion of arts integration through art lessons taught by resident artists through the District's partnership with the Music Center.

For the 2020-2021 school year, the Rosemead School District was awarded \$20,500, in addition to the District's matching contribution resulting with a total program funding of \$41,000. During the 2019-2020 school year, the District was awarded \$22,900 plus the District's matching contribution bringing the program to a total funding of \$45,800.

"The District is honored and graciously humbled by the continued annual award of the Advancement Grant, previously known as the 'Arts for All' Grant. We are very pleased to continue the integration of arts at all grade levels to ensure equity for all students," said Superintendent Alejandro Ruvalcaba. "Our teachers are extremely dedicated and work tirelessly to afford our students with well-rounded learning opportunities and the continued integration of arts by resident artists for our students will continue to boost that momentum."

The Los Angeles County Department of Arts and Culture (Arts and Culture) announced that grants totaling \$811,600 will be awarded to 40 Los Angeles County school districts. The Advancement Grant Program, funded by Philanthropy and Support Projects Ranging from Professional Development to Social Emotional Learning in the Arts, is administered through the LA County Arts Education Collective. It is the countywide initiative dedicated to making the arts a core part of every child's growth and development. Advancement Grants, underwritten by the Arts Ed Collective Funders Council, offer flexible funding to school districts, and are matched by school district funds. Leveraging public and private resources, they will invest more than \$1.6M this year to expand access to instruction in dance, media arts, music, theatre, and visual arts.

School districts use Advancement Grants to implement district-wide arts education in a range of ways: arts integration, professional development and resources for teachers, social emotional learning in the arts, arts classes, and musical instrument purchases for at-home instruction. To address data showing disparities in access to the arts, Advancement Grants promote equity with priority points for school districts serving large student populations of 10,000 or greater, and those with an Unduplicated Pupil Count of 71% or greater which includes students eligible for Free and Reduced Priced Meals, foster youth, and English Language Learners.

"We are proud to provide Advancement Grants with an eye toward increasing equity and access in arts education for the benefit of our County youth," said Kristin Sakoda, Director of Arts and Culture. "In this unprecedented time, the human connection, educational engagement, wellbeing, and creative expression that the arts provide is more important than ever. We are deeply grateful for our school district, philanthropy, and County partners as we collectively work to ensure opportunities for students to create and thrive."

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"Investing in the future for Los Angeles County's children is imperative, especially now," said Supervisor Kathryn Barger, Chair of the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors. "These Advancement Grants support a well-rounded education and help school districts lay the foundation to careers in the arts and the creative economy. We want every person in Los Angeles County to have access to the breadth, depth, and diversity of the arts to enrich their childhood and foster their creativity into adulthood."

"We know that learning is not a one-size-fits-all endeavor, so as educators throughout Los Angeles County innovate their operations in the face of the COVID-19 pandemic, we have an obligation to support customized learning initiatives that equip students with invaluable creative skills," said Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas. "The Advancement Grants will be used for initiatives designed by the school districts themselves, as they know how to best reach their communities and be attentive to gaps and inequities in resources."

About the Los Angeles County Department of Arts and Culture and the Arts Ed Collective

The mission of the Los Angeles County Department of Arts and Culture is to advance arts, culture, and creativity throughout Los Angeles County. It provides leadership, services, and support in areas including grants and technical assistance for nonprofit organizations, countywide arts education initiatives, commissioning and care for civic art collections, research and evaluation, pathways to the creative economy, professional development, free community programs, and cross-sector creative strategies that address civic issues. For more information, visit www.lacountyarts.org.

The LA County Arts Education Collective is the countywide initiative dedicated to making the arts a core part of every child's growth and development. Starting with just one school district in each Supervisorial District nearly two decades ago, the Arts Ed Collective now includes a robust coalition of partners that represents more than 72 school districts, 5 charter school networks and hundreds of community-based arts organizations, teaching artists, educators, philanthropists, and advocates. The initiative is coordinated by the LA County Department of Arts and Culture, is supported by curriculum and instructional services provided by the LA County Office of Education, and is guided by a Leadership Council and an active Funders Council who continue to invest in this formidable movement for arts education across Los Angeles County. It is recognized as a national model of collective impact in arts education. For more information and a list of philanthropic funders, visit www.lacountyartsedcollective.org.

About the Rosemead School District

The Rosemead School District (RSD) was established in 1859 and is a Local Education Agency (LEA) led by Superintendent Mr. Alejandro Ruvalcaba. The District's education program includes students in preschool, transitional kindergarten, kindergarten, and grades 1st through 8th. The Rosemead School District offers programs as follows and are not limited to: Full Day Kindergarten, English Language Development (ELD); Instrumental Music program (4th-8th grades); Student in Need program; State Preschool; Transitional Kindergarten; Before and Afterschool programs: K.S.A.R.T. (Kinder After School Recreational and Tutorial), A.S.A.R.T. (After School Recreational and Tutorial), A.S.E.S. (After School Education and Safety) program; Migrant Education Program; Gifted and Talented Program (GATE); Science Olympiad; Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID); Franklin Covey's Leader in Me[®] Program and 7-Habits[®]; Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports (PBIS); Migrant Education; and Special Education programs. For more information about the Rosemead School District, please visit www.rosemead.k12.ca.us. For more information about school educational programs, please contact the Educational Services Department at (626) 312-2900 x213.

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