

# Los Angeles County School Districts Arts Education Survey

interviewer:.....

TO BE COMPLETED BY INTERVIEWER

**Preamble:** The aim of this survey is to find out more about needs and achievements in arts education in the 82 school districts of Los Angeles. It will help to bring together worthy projects with new sources of funding and support. **It is not an evaluation.** It is a **fact-finding** project that will create a baseline of information, helpful in the development of resources and future partnerships. A synopsis of findings will be made public.

The questions are divided into two types: those which require a simple "yes/no" or multiple choice response, designed for easy tabulation; and those which are more open-ended, inviting respondents to amplify points or give examples.

Name/title of contact..... Title.....

Name of district.....

Date of interview.....

Contact telephone number, in case clarification is needed.....

Address for correspondence.....

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E-mail:.....

**Number of Students = ..... Number of Schools: Elem..... Mid..... High.....**

Interviewer's notes:

***Start - "Please tell me a little about your district and its demographics"***

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**A. DISTRICT SUPPORT**

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**1. Does your district have a current policy or mission statement on the provision of arts education for:**

ELEMENTARY \_\_\_\_\_ MIDDLE \_\_\_\_\_ HS \_\_\_\_\_ grades

*(Possible responses: Yes/No/Don't know)*

**2. Does your district have a written plan for implementing arts education?**

Yes\* \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Don't know \_\_\_\_\_

*\*If yes, does it:*

*If no, for what reason: (open response)*

Cover all grade levels? \_\_\_\_\_ .....

Cover more than one year? \_\_\_\_\_ .....

Is it approved by the Board? \_\_\_\_\_ .....

Is it implemented in the classroom? \_\_\_\_\_ .....

May we have a copy? \_\_\_\_\_ .....

**3. Does your district have an arts education supervisor or coordinator?**

Yes\* \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Don't know \_\_\_\_\_

\* If yes, briefly what are their responsibilities?.....  
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\* If no, who is responsible for arts education in your district? (get contact name)  
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**4. How many arts specialists are teaching in your district at each level:**

ELEMENTARY \_\_\_\_\_ MIDDLE \_\_\_\_\_ HS \_\_\_\_\_ grades

*(Insert and confirm total.....)*

**5. Is there any kind of district-wide committee for arts education?**

Yes\* \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Don't know \_\_\_\_\_

\*If yes, briefly describe.....  
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**6. Does the district have minimum requirements for weekly instruction in the arts?**

Yes\* \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Don't know \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, what are they? *(Express as approx. hours/minutes)*

ELEMENTARY \_\_\_\_\_ MIDDLE \_\_\_\_\_ HS \_\_\_\_\_ grades

If No - why not?

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**7. Are there arts magnet or arts focussed charter schools in your district?**

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

**8. What are the sources of funding being used for arts education in your district?**

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**For interviewer, some possible responses:**

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| <b>PTA/PTO/PTSA Funds</b>                    | <b>Parent Club Funds</b>  | <b>Student Body Funds (ASB)</b> |
| <b>Discretionary School Site Funding</b>     | <b>Community Fundraisers<br/>(Gift wrap/bake sales/scrip etc)</b> | <b>Title I, II &amp; VII</b>    |
| <b>Voluntary Integration Funds (D&amp;I)</b> | <b>School Improvement</b>   | <b>Magnet School Funds</b>      |
| <b>Gifted/Talented (GATE)</b>                | <b>Migrant Education Funds</b>                                    | <b>Bilingual Funds</b>          |
| <b>Local, State, Federal Staff</b>           |   |                                 |
| <b>Development Moneys</b>                    | <b>Goals 2000 Funds</b>   | <b>Year-round School Moneys</b> |
| <b>Lottery Funds</b>                         | <b>Adopt-a-School Programs</b>                                    | <b>Head Start Funds</b>         |
| <b>Individual Donors</b>                     | <b>Corporations and Foundations</b>                               | <b>Cal. Art Council</b>         |
| <b>Cal. Dept. Ed. Arts Works Grants</b>      | <b>General Fund</b>   |                                 |

**9. Approximately what percentage of the district's general budget is allocated for arts education?**

UNDER 1% \_\_\_\_\_ 2-5% \_\_\_\_\_ OVER 5% \_\_\_\_\_ Don't know \_\_\_\_\_

**10. Is this sufficient to introduce the *'Visual and Performing Arts Framework for California Public Schools'* and *'Challenge Standards for Student Success: Visual and Performing Arts'* into policy and practise?**

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Partly \_\_\_\_\_

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## B. SCHOOL PROGRAMS

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11. Does a sequential curriculum of arts education take place in your district? (Yes/No)

*Please check boxes*

	Visual Arts	Theater	Music	Dance	Other
Elementary					
Middle					
High					

Or - The district does not have a defined sequential curriculum of arts education

11. In your district, what arts courses do you provide that meet the UC or CSU entrance requirements?

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**12. Has the district provided the 'Visual and Performing Arts Framework for California Public Schools' to art teachers?**

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Some \_\_\_\_\_ Don't know/unclear \_\_\_\_\_

**13. To what extent is this *Framework* implemented within your current arts education policy:**

Fully  to a large extent  to a small extent   
Not at all  we have no policy  don't know

**14. To what extent is the *Framework* implemented within classroom teaching?**

Fully  to a large extent  to a small extent   
Not at all  don't know

**15. Has the district provided the 'Challenge Standards for Student Success: Visual and Performing Arts' to art teachers?**

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Some \_\_\_\_\_ Don't know/unclear \_\_\_\_\_

**16. To what extent are the Challenge Standards implemented within your current arts education policy:**

Fully  to a large extent  to a small extent   
Not at all  we have no policy  don't know

**17. To what extent are the Challenge Standards implemented within classroom teaching?**

Fully  to a large extent  to a small extent   
Not at all  don't know

**18. Which of the following forms of arts education take place within your district? And How are they funded?**

*(Please check all that apply)*

	<b>Visual Arts</b>	<b>Theater</b>	<b>Music</b>	<b>Dance</b>	<b>How Funded?</b>
Specific classroom instruction	_____	_____	_____	_____	.....
Assembly programs	_____	_____	_____	_____	.....
After-school programs	_____	_____	_____	_____	.....
Field trips	_____	_____	_____	_____	.....
Artist-in-Residency programs	_____	_____	_____	_____	.....
Other .....					.....
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**19. What are the main challenges facing your district in increasing arts education for all students at some time in their school career? (Choose key factors and prioritize: 1,2,3....)**

- Lack of trained teachers
- Lack of paid time for teachers to develop curriculum
- Lack of instructional time in students' schedules
- Arts not high priority - because not tested
  
- Lack of suitable space/s
- Lack of equipment/supplies
- Lack of instructional materials
  
- Lack of support at district or site level
- Lack of parent/community support
- Lack of Board policy on arts education

Other.....  
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**20. Which of the following professional development opportunities do art teachers within your district participate in?**

*(Please check all boxes that apply)*

Arts Specialists                      Non Arts Specialists

District-level professional development                                           

On-site in-service programs                                           

Paid workshops/conference attendance                                           

Professional Development Art Institutes including Summer Institutes                                           

Other.....  
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**21. Which of the following art resources are in regular use throughout your district?**

*(Please check all boxes that apply)*

**Elementary                      Middle                      High**

Textbooks or other sequentially structured materials                                                                 

Student workbooks/worksheets                                                                 

Curriculum units/Lesson plans                                                                 

Audio/visual materials                                                                 

Programs provided by outside organizations                                                                 

Musical instruments                                                                 

Art supplies                                                                 

Specialist equipment (eg: cameras/photographic supplies, music, scripts, software)

None of the above

Other.....

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22. Does the district evaluate arts education?      Yes                          No   

If 'yes' - how? If 'no' - why not?

23. Do you use professional artists to provide arts education activities for school students in your district?

Yes\* \_\_\_\_\_                      No \_\_\_\_\_                      Don't know \_\_\_\_\_

\*If yes, to what extent?

Often \_\_\_\_\_                      Occasionally \_\_\_\_\_                      Infrequently \_\_\_\_\_

In which disciplines?.....  
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24. If professional artists participate, does your district provide paid time for teachers to collaborate in preparation, guidance or training?

Yes\* \_\_\_\_\_                      No \_\_\_\_\_                      Don't know \_\_\_\_\_

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## C. COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

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**25. To what extent do parent or community volunteers participate in providing arts education?**

- Active throughout district
- Active in some schools
- Only active in a few schools
- Very little/sporadic/patchy
- Not at all

**26. If parents are active in your district, which of the following roles do they play?**

	<i>(Please check all boxes that apply)</i>		
	<i>a little</i>	<i>some</i>	<i>a lot</i>
Advocacy ( <i>verbal, written, lobbying support</i> )	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Financial Support ( <i>organising special fund-raising events, grants, membership fees, personal donations for materials, supplies, field trips, etc</i> )	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Classroom volunteer time	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
"Booster"/other similar clubs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
None	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other.....			
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**27. Are there any existing or very recent arts education partnerships involving 'outside' organizations such as non-profits or the business community?**

Yes\* \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Don't know \_\_\_\_\_

*The following questions, 28 to 32, are only for those who answered yes to the question above*

If 'no' - explore reasons
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**28. If yes, which organizations?**.....  
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**29. Please briefly describe any outstanding achievements resulting from such partnerships? .**  
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**30. Do you have any interesting failures or lessons learned from such partnerships?**  
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**31. Can you name any schools or individuals from within your district with outstanding knowledge/experience of such partnerships?**  
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Contact info for possible case studies.....

**32. How do you evaluate the effectiveness of such partnerships?.....**  
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**33. What do you look for - or would you look for - from partnerships in arts education?**

Similarity in programs/mission

Financial input & stability

Geographic proximity

Community connections

Other:

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**D. GENERAL QUESTIONS**

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**34. Do you think that arts education is of value to all students?**

Yes  No  don't know/unclear

Explore:

**35. Do you have any interesting plans for future arts education in your district that you would like to tell us about?**

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**36. How willing is your district to collaborate in more arts education partnerships?**

*(check one only)*

Very willing \_\_\_\_\_ Willing to consider \_\_\_\_\_ Not a priority right now \_\_\_\_\_

**37. How would you go about increasing arts education for all students if required to?**

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**38. Do you wish to make any other comments on the topic of arts education?**

End###Thanks

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