

# THE CALIFORNIA ARTS EDUCATION DATA PROJECT

**All students in California deserve access to high quality arts education that will provide them with important skills they need to succeed in today's competitive workforce.**

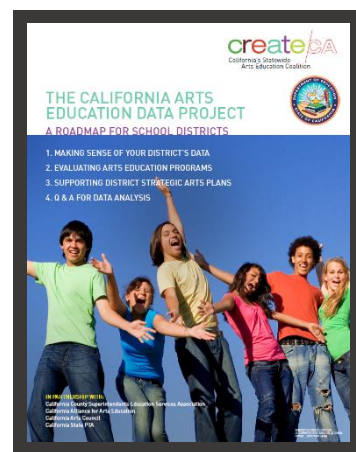
But up until now, we lacked the tools to show us where (and how) arts education is offered across the state. That's why Create CA, the California Department of Education and the Arts Education Data Project joined together in 2016 to provide annual data and a suite of tools to help increase participation in arts education across the state.

The [California Arts Education Data Project](#) is a first-of-its-kind effort that analyzes and reports school-level data on arts education courses and grades 6 through 12 enrollment throughout the state.

Presented in a [user-friendly, color-coded dashboard](#), the Project provides important information to education leaders, teachers and parents about levels of access to and enrollment in arts programming in schools. The dashboard allows users to review school-level, district, county and statewide data and presents the statewide averages as the baseline for comparison. It reports data from 2013–2014 and through the most recently reported year from 3,734 schools, covering more than three million students in grades 6 through 12, which is roughly half of California's student population.

The suite of tools also includes the [Roadmap for School Districts](#), which guides districts through the process of examining their data to better understand their unique circumstances and challenges. It contains resources and helpful guides to assist districts in assessing their own programs and creating strategic arts plans. Additionally, the **Communication Toolkit** provides materials to share these resources with local stakeholders.

**By having a complete picture of where California's secondary-level schools currently stand, school leaders, parents and advocates can take steps to increase participation in arts education across the state.**



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