



California Arts Education Data Project Talking Points

The California Arts Education Data Project is a tool designed to help increase participation in arts education across the state.

- It analyzes and reports school-level data on arts education courses and middle and high school enrollment across the state.
- Data is refreshed each year with the most current information and allows the user to see trends from previous years dating back to 2013-14.
- This information can help school leaders, parents and advocates determine the status of arts education access in their schools and identify and address what inequities exist.
- By having a complete picture of where our secondary schools currently stand, leaders will be able to take steps to close gaps in access to a core arts education curriculum in their districts.

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 2013–14 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 source of data comes directly from information schools submitted each year through the California Longitudinal Pupil Achievement Data System (CALPADS) - California's K–12 longitudinal data system.
- As California elementary schools are not required to report subject-level data, information on arts education in grades pre-k through 5 is not currently included.
- Users are able to view and compare student participation for those students on free and reduced lunch in order to evaluate the equitable provision of arts education for all students.

The Data Project also features *A Roadmap for School Districts* that guides leaders through the process of examining their data to better understand their unique circumstances and challenges.

- The Roadmap contains resources and helpful guides to assist districts in assessing their own programs and creating strategic arts plans.
- The Data Project also provides a communication toolkit that includes materials to share these new resources with local stakeholders.

Quality arts education sparks creative thinking and sets up students for success in college, career and life.

- These important tools will provide a complete picture of where California's schools currently stand, allowing leaders to ensure their schools can provide invaluable arts education to every child in California.