

Amador County

Ensuring equitable access to high-quality arts education is a cornerstone of our commitment to fostering well-rounded and enriched learning experiences for every student. Our county deeply values the transformative power of the arts in nurturing creativity, critical thinking, and cultural appreciation. Through strategic partnerships, robust curriculum, and dedicated resources, we strive to provide diverse opportunities that empower students to explore, create, and excel in various artistic disciplines. We believe that by investing in arts education, we equip our students with the skills and inspiration necessary to thrive in an ever-evolving world and become lifelong learners and contributors to our vibrant communities.



- **Torie F. Gibson, Amador County Superintendent of Schools**

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The Amador County Office of Education (ACOE) in conjunction with the Amador County Unified School District (ACUSD), works closely with the Amador County Arts Council and the Amador Alliance for Arts Education. Along with teachers, students, and leaders from all school sites, ACOE facilitates the District Arts Planning Committee as the team develops, implements, and refines the District Arts Education Plan. Through the Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) process, the community has built an infrastructure for arts education funding over the last two years, resulting in almost \$190,000 being allocated to arts education annually.

Thanks to student leadership from Amador Alliance for Arts Education, ACUSD Board of Trustees adopted the Declaration of Equity in Arts Learning in January of 2018. In the summer of 2018, the partnership of organizations and citizens worked together with the Arts Planning Initiative thanks to the California Alliance for Arts Education. In August of 2019, the ACUSD Board of Trustees adopted the District Arts Plan. We are currently in the planning phase for the allocation of Proposition 28 funding. As such, ACOE will be looking into expanding our arts education program and working with community partners to further opportunities for students, which may include the hiring of an arts coordinator and added art and/or music instructors.

