Amador County Office of Education

The Amador County Office of Education 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, Amador County Office of Education facilitates the District Arts Planning Committee as the team develops, implements, and refines the district Arts Education Plan. Through the LCAP process, the community has built an infrastructure for arts education funding over the last two years, resulting in almost $175,000 being allocated to arts education annually. Thanks to student leadership from Amador Alliance for Arts Education for their Finalists for the 2020 Poetry Out Loud County Competition.

“Participation in school art programs fosters creativity and critical thinking while contributing to the intellectual, physical, and emotional well-being of children. Educating the whole child without including the arts is equivalent to solving puzzles without using all of the pieces.”

— Robert Russell, Ed.D., Amador County Superintendent of Schools
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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. Over the last two years of community LCAP planning, the plan now includes over $85,000 in arts education funding and an itinerant early childhood music teacher. The Amador County Arts Council continues to provide over $20,000 for arts curriculum for grades K-6 and 9-12. Parent-Teacher organizations continue to fund additional arts education throughout the school year. Thanks to the CCSESA Arts Initiative grant, the Amador County Office of Education now offers integrated arts education professional development to K-8 teachers and funding for further arts planning.

“An arts education helps build academic skills and increase academic performance, while also providing alternative opportunities to reward the skills of children who learn differently.”

- California Governor Gavin Newsom