Glenn County

Glenn County Office of Education
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“It is the belief of the Glenn County Superintendent and Board of Education that supporting the participation and growth of the arts for our students is crucial in serving the needs of the whole child. Our programs span the individual districts as well as our alternative education programs. The following list is a few highlights within the last two years.”

– Tracey J. Quarne, Glenn County Superintendent of Schools

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Here are some examples of arts education in Glenn County:

- The model stained glass making class at William Finch Charter School integrates visual art and science in an alternative education school.
- The Good News Glenn County is a product of the William Finch Charter School’s Arts, Media and Entertainment CTE Pathway. Students in the Digital Media Art class produce short, informative news videos that are uploaded to YouTube.
- The Glenn Interscholastic Film Festival (Giff) is an annual short film festival and where awards are provided for county schools.
- A ceramics class at William Finch Charter School invites the “Associates” (workers) from The Rusty Wagon, a retail store that is a work training center for developmentally disabled adults under GCOE, to create and glaze ceramics to sell at the store.
- Glenn County’s teachers (22) participated in the NSAEC online training to develop arts integrated lessons from January through July 2019.
- Glenn County Office of Education administrators and teachers participated in and moderated sessions at the NSAEC regional conference in Redding in July.
Representative Programs in Glenn County

The Education Services Department of the Glenn County Office of Education is busy preparing for the third annual Glenn Interscholastic Film Festival (GIFF). The GIFF provides an opportunity for K-12 students in the county to demonstrate their learning creatively in a 21st century context. Each year the GIFF requests that student films represent a common theme; GIFF 2020's theme is “Phenomena” and we are eagerly waiting to see what our students enter. The GIFF culminates in a red-carpet event where films are showcased in front of peers, parents, and community members. For more about the GIFF, visit our website – bit.ly/glenngiffvids

William Finch Charter School's AME CTE Pathway gives students hands-on experience in digital arts. Its primary focus is on video production, portfolio building, and developing professionalism and career skills. The pathway begins with an introduction to digital arts where students gain an awareness of the industry and learn the foundations of digital photography, lighting, and Adobe Photoshop. Next, students move into a concentrator course where students begin to apply their camera knowledge to shooting and producing videos. In the concentrator course, students continue to develop their photography and Photoshop skills and are introduced to Adobe Premiere Pro. After the concentrator course, students move into the capstone course, where they spend a full year learning advanced video editing techniques while continuing to grow their photography skills and their portfolio of digital work. In the capstone class, students also prepare their resumes, practice job interviews, and explore internship opportunities within the industry. Students who complete the CTE Pathway are then offered a CTE Student Leadership course where the instructor works one-on-one with the students on personal projects and the class applies their skills to volunteer work in the community. Outside of the specific CTE Pathway courses, students are also offered a digital photography class where they learn a wide range of photography skills and build out the student yearbook. Students also are offered a broadcast journalism class called Good News Glenn County, where the students work closely with the CTE Pathway students to film and edit a student driven news show that includes community updates and community interviews. – Wendy Stewart, CTE AME Instructor https://wmfinchdigitalarts.home.blog/good-news-glenn-county-2/news

At the William Finch Charter School, the Art and Science Department lead a student project that combines art with science, which is entered into the STEAM Expo. Lauri Touchette (Art teacher) and Richard Gambetta (Science, ceramics and stained glass teacher) are working with 5th - 8th grade students on a Recycled Self-Watering system. Students use a recycled 2-liter soda bottle to create self-watering container for their plant. They papier-mache the soda bottle, then draft and color a picture on their plant containers. The self-watering system enables the plant to be watered, on its own. This is how the County office has provided assistance in schools in the arts, in our district.

Darren Masa, the Science Coordinator, in the Educational Services Department at the Glenn County Office of Education, offers his assistance to STEM teachers in our schools. Students learn how to combine science with art for a STEM project where Darren Masa provides leadership and mentoring. – Lauri Touchette, Art teacher at William Finch Charter School.

Arts education is evidenced throughout the county and with the leadership of Wendy Stewart, Lauri Touchette, Richard Gambetta, Darren Masa, and other committed educators, great things are happening for the students in Glenn County!