

Humboldt County

Humboldt County Office of Education

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“Access to a contemporary, innovative, and high quality arts education is essential for all students. Humboldt County is an incubator for artists and the Humboldt County Office of Education (HCOE) serves as a catalyst and collaborator with schools and local organizations in program design, offering relevant professional development, providing engaging student experiences and advocating for the arts at the regional and state level. Student success is our top priority and the integration of a vibrant arts education not only improves student outcomes but fosters school culture that promotes community, connectivity and joy! Let the Arts Shine!”



– Chris Hartley, Ed.D., Humboldt County Superintendent of Schools

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We strive to provide the highest quality arts-related professional development for teachers as well as promote many diverse opportunities for student engagement. From STEAM, Arts Integration, and Arts Subjects, to MTSS (Multi-Tiered System of Supports) and SEL (Social Emotional Learning); the Humboldt County Office of Education (HCOE) strives to remain on the leading edge of research-based, trauma informed practices.

The Humboldt County Office of Education (HCOE) continues to support and increase opportunities for teachers, administrators, students and community to participate in the arts. HCOE received a multi-year

Arts Education Development and Dissemination Grant, and as a result, have been working with 100 teachers from four counties in Creative

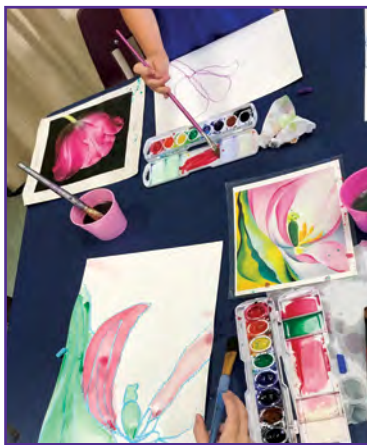
Education. This also allowed HCOE to hire one additional full time Arts Specialist in addition to part-time teaching artists and county coordinators. The focus of the *Arts & Creativity Initiative* is changing teacher practices to increase engagement and higher order thinking in arts and non-arts subjects. A repository of resources are available at: www.artsintegration.net



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Professional Development is still ongoing for teachers in discrete arts subjects. Hands-on workshops for Music, Visual Arts, and Theatre teachers are still offered for anyone in the region who wishes to participate. Four professional learning modules for CCSESA Arts Initiative's *Creativity at the Core* grant are complete: Module 1 – *Raising the Barre*; Module 13 – Theatre Arts and English Learners; Module 18 – *Reuse STEAM*; and Module 20 – *Music and Universal Design for Learning*. Additional dissemination of the modules are ongoing at the local, regional, and state level. Additionally, HCOE served as a site for public input on the new California Arts Standards. Staff is working on preparing professional development for the new standards and framework.

Reserved Students Engaged in the Arts Through Schools (SEATS) include: *Schools to Dance, Schools to Theatre, Schools to Symphony, and Schools to Studio*. Partners leverage resources for students to attend



live performances and funds are underwritten by HCOE. Humboldt County is rural and students must travel long distances to attend performances. A single bus ride to attend a performance can cost \$1,000 per bus. Transportation stipends are provided by HCOE and our partners who receive grant money from the community. Curricula is reviewed and delivered before the students attend the performance. In addition, the complete suite of seven artists are highlighted in the *Schools to Studio* video. Students watch the video and after, one of the artists goes into the classroom to work on an art project which includes crossover in other curricular areas. To see these wonderful videos visit: www.hcoe.org/arts



Humboldt County Office of Education continues to be a hub for arts education on the North Coast as a result of multiple collaborations with the Humboldt Arts Council, higher education, public radio, community arts organizations, local businesses, PTA/PTO's, school districts and neighboring county offices of education. HCOE passed the "Declaration of Equity in Arts Learning" in October of 2017.

HCOE also partners with the Humboldt Arts Now Community which advocates for arts education and helps inform the community about the arts learning being offered locally, as well as its positive impacts. With the assistance of the California Alliance for Arts Education and the Humboldt Arts Now Community (HANC), the Strategic Arts Plan was revised and presented in 2018 to every school board (32) in the county. HANC works in conjunction with the Humboldt Arts Council Arts and Education Committee to further opportunities for all students.

HCOE continues its collaboration with the North Coast California Music Educators Association (NCCMEA) and the HCOE Student Events program to coordinate the annual *All County Music Festival*, which garners participation of 400 6-12 grade students in seven ensembles from Humboldt, Del Norte, and Trinity counties. 2021 will mark the 65th annual *All County Music Festival*.