“Education in the Arts is an integral part of the curriculum for students in Kings County. From our preschools to our adult programs, artistic engagement impacts students’ broader course of study by providing avenues for individual expression and opportunities for deep interpretation. Art, in all its forms is one of the most human experiences we can have. It is the embodiment of experiences we all want for every student. Whether it is the product of mindful consideration or wild imagination, it is a window to a widened appreciation of our world. What an exciting responsibility it is to foster such appreciation in our students.”

– Todd Barlow, Kings County Superintendent of Schools

County Office Arts Education/Support
Kings County Office of Education has been working with the Kings County ASES, after school program to conduct monthly Meet the Masters arts education for the students being served. Each ASES site will complete seven artist units, which instruct students about the artist and allow them to practice the arts elements emphasized in the units. Once they have learned about the master’s style, the students create their own art compositions. At the end of the learning, students will self-select their favorite piece of art from the seven units. The program will host a Meet the Masters showcase with those students pieces on display.
Additionally, the Kings County Tobacco Use Prevention Education program held a county-wide poster contest entitled “Don’t Fall Into Tobacco.” The county received 56 entries from eight school districts.

Local Arts Education Instructional Programs

Meadow Lane Elementary School, part of Lemoore Union Elementary School District, recently led GATE students through learning about the elements of space, lines, patterns, perspective, and color theory. Armona Elementary, part of Armona Union Elementary School District, took part in an interactive video conference through the Kings Art Center. Students were guided through creating their own art compositions and were able to interact virtually with the instructor. Pioneer Middle School, part of Pioneer Union Elementary School District, participated in an International Peace Poster competition. Members of the Hanford Breakfast Lions Club selected winners. Kit Carson Elementary School, part of Kit Carson Union Elementary School District showcased their drama program by presenting Elf in December.

“All of the things an arts education gives a young person enhance leadership skills and help raise grades.”

– Josh Groban