

Lassen County

Lassen County Office of Education

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“Each and every student is unique and needs the opportunities that are provided by Education in all of the Arts to reach their full potential. Lassen County Office of Education is excited and proud of the partnerships with our schools and Community to provide a variety of experiences to all students.”

- Patty Gunderson, Lassen County Superintendent of Schools



Partnership with Lassen County Artists

The Lassen County Office of Education (LCOE) believes that collaboration is the key to helping support students for the future in the area of Arts. We work with Lassen County to provide Artist in Residence, promote summer art experiences locally, and hands-on workshops during our family engagement opportunities. We also provide several opportunities for students to showcase



their talents and creativity that they have experienced through the educational opportunities they have received. Through our collaboration with local artists, we have been able to provide students the opportunity to experience various visual and performing arts opportunities.



By partnering with the local artists, LCOE has been able to leverage resources, both materials and financial, to benefit the students here in Lassen County. Through

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the school visits, artists have been able to share their talents and provide students with direct instruction to see a complete project. Students

have had the opportunity to participate in local art camps throughout the summer receiving instruction in various mediums and techniques to produce various high-quality projects that they would otherwise not be exposed to. During our *Lassen County Day of the Family*, our premier family engagement day, families have the opportunity to participate in a hands-on *Art Lab* to also receive instruction and complete a project. *The Art Lab* is also a part of our mobile tinkering lab that travels to county schools to provide students with hands-on STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math) activities. Each lab has been designed and prepared to provide a specific technique or medium experience for the student.



Quality Programs in Regular Day and Expanded Learning

Lassen County schools have a deep sense of commitment to the Arts. Meadow View School has provided students with the opportunity to participate in visual and performing arts through their yearly *Fine Arts Enrichments*. The students and their director/teacher work tirelessly to prepare for the artwork and presentation with volunteer and family support. This year, the students designed and presented the complete

production of *Annie, Jr.* The students experience the technical aspects, make-up, staging, set design, prop design, and costuming. The students raise the funds to present the production. Local Control Accountability funds are used to support the instruction and education portion.

Lassen High School is also rich with the exposure and a commitment to the arts. It is home to a high-quality and award-winning graphic arts lab that prepares students for careers in the advertising, marketing, and graphic arts fields. Students

are able to become certified in the Adobe Creative Cloud and compete through the state and nation to share their skills and talents.



This school also has a great performing arts department that focuses on guitar, jazz band, concert, choir, drama, and dance. They also have a visual arts department that combines traditional methods with current trends to bring ceramics, wood working, and welding into their art. Traditional pencil, colored pencil, ink, watercolors, pastels, and paper-mache also play a great role in enhancing the students' educational experience.

Lassen After School Programs are engaging students in the area of Art techniques, artist biography, history, creativity, and exploration. Through a partnership with a local non-profit, "Amy's Corner," our students in our After-School Education and Safety Programs have created great pieces of art. Every six weeks, students are given the opportunity to showcase their work and have it on display for families, staff, and classmates to view and appreciate.

Students are also exposed to dance through a partnership with J & J Performing Arts and the Susanville City Kickettes. They are introduced to jazz, hip-hop, tumbling, and modern dance to name a few of the genres to which students are exposed.