Modoc County Encourages Art in Schools
The Modoc County Office of Education (MCOE) believes that arts education is incredibly important to the students in our county. The MCOE is committed to ensuring that all students in the county are exposed to comprehensive visual and performing arts curriculum such as music, digital media, theatre, and visual arts. Such opportunities have lent themselves to creative thinking, improved responsibility and teamwork amongst the student population which will better prepare students for college, career, and beyond!

"In Modoc County, we believe that the arts are an essential part of the education of the whole child, as students are provided with opportunities to be creative in a variety of ways through dance, painting, sculpting, music, and theatre."

– Mike Martin, Modoc County Superintendent of Schools

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Promoting Music in the Classroom

“Our goal for the music program at MJUSD is that EVERYONE can make music (and should!). Students are celebrated daily which makes them feel valued and special. Curiosity is promoted and perseverance is encouraged within the MJUSD music program.”

- Chris Armstrong, K-2 Music Teacher

One of our local districts, Modoc Joint Unified School District (MJUSD), provides a comprehensive music program that spans K-12. Elementary students learn music vocabulary, reading music and understanding rhythms, all while learning to play and sing! All elementary students take part in a winter concert, while the middle and high school students perform in a spring concert as well.

Visual and Performing Arts Provide Growing Opportunities

In the spring, the Modoc High School’s (MHS) Advanced Art class was the recipient of a new screen printer which has not only changed how they view the arts, it has opened up a business opportunity for the students as well! The class has provided several sports programs with team shirts created right on campus! These students are receiving art education that will provide them with life skills beyond the classroom.

The Drama Club at MHS is also flourishing. Students take part in both fall and spring productions and engage in a music collaboration with the advanced choir. The play selection is done by a student committee and takes the format of a student showcase featuring short ten-minute plays and musical numbers. It has become hugely popular among the student body. Students receive instruction in acting method, vocal presentation skills, technical theatre (lighting, sound, and set construction). Every year, Drama Club students take a trip to the Oregon Shakespeare Festival (OSF) in Ashland, Oregon to see plays, participate in tours and discussion with the professional actors. Students LOVE this trip and are really inspired by the world class shows that the OSF company presents.

In Tulelake, the fourth grade students are learning how to create movies using a green screen. The class’ largest undertaking has been to develop Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS) videos which are shared with the entire school during assemblies.