

San Bernardino County

Artistic endeavors empower students to think critically, solve problems, and communicate effectively. San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools values arts education as not just a program but an integral part of a comprehensive education that empowers students to thrive and excel in all areas of their lives.

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In the heart of Southern California's Inland Empire, the San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools (SBCSS) is working to transform lives through education. Under the visionary leadership of County Superintendent Ted Alejandre, SBCSS has demonstrated a remarkable commitment to fostering student voice and identity with a spotlight on arts education.

PROFESSIONAL LEARNING AND PROGRAM SUPPORT

One of the recent arts education initiatives led by Superintendent Alejandre has been to establish a full-time Arts Education Coordinator position. This strategic move reflects SBCSS' dedication to providing a comprehensive arts education experience for every student in San Bernardino County. Patrice Cooley serves as this coordinator and plays a pivotal role in advancing the county superintendent's vision by overseeing the program support, professional learning opportunities, and strategic planning that are aligned with California's Arts Education Standards and Framework. Patrice

also serves in supporting districts and arts education leaders with the implementation of Proposition 28 funding.

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

Arts education programs in San Bernardino County extend beyond the classroom by maintaining and expanding partnerships with community organizations, local universities, and other county offices of education. This collaborative approach to support and expansion of arts education programs ensures that students benefit from diverse experiences, and gain insights and enrichment from professionals and experts in the arts. It also reinforces the belief that a well-rounded education encompasses a strong foundation in the arts.

STUDENT EVENTS

SBCSS also prioritizes showcasing the talents and achievements of students and arts education programs throughout the county. Multiple student arts events have become a staple of the educational landscape, providing a platform for students to express



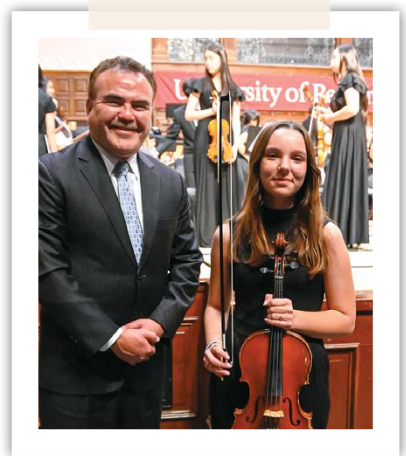
their creativity and passion. These events not only spotlight the incredible talents of the students, but also serve as a testament to educators' hard work and dedication. These events celebrate students' artistic accomplishments, and highlight the strength and vibrancy of arts programs across San Bernardino County.



SBCSS is excited to nurture the next generation of artists and contribute to the overall development of well-rounded individuals in the heart of Southern California. Lives are transformed through the profound impact of arts education, shaping the minds and futures of the students in San Bernardino County.



community partnerships with the San Bernardino County Music Educators Association, the RIMS California Arts Project, and two local universities—the University of Redlands and California State University, San Bernardino. As arts education becomes recognized as an integral part of the educational journey for all students in San Bernardino County, SBCSS is excited to support districts with Proposition 28 funding implementation in addition to providing professional learning, program support, collaboration with community partners, and student achievement showcases.



The Performing Arts Showcase is an annual arts education jewel for SBCSS where students have the opportunity to perform at the California Theater, the premiere professional performing arts theater in San Bernardino County. Students also have opportunities to participate in annual adjudicated honor band and orchestra music performances, as well as visual and media arts shows. These events are in collaboration through

