“Ventura County and our County Office of Education have consistently supported arts education and are fortunate that through partnerships with our local schools and community arts associations we continue to provide our students with this critical area of knowledge. It is my belief that any well-rounded instructional program includes rich learning experiences in all aspects of the arts.”

– Stan Mantooth, Ventura County Superintendent of Schools

Ventura County Arts Network
The Ventura County Arts Network continues to strive to support the visual and performing arts in our schools. We meet triennially and host several events throughout the year. This year, we are providing a variety of trainings to support the Revised California Arts Standards and UDL in the Arts classroom. The vision and mission are to provide professional learning, disseminate state-level information and resources, and provide a range of learning opportunities in the arts. Participants report on art program models, devise solutions to common barriers, celebrate successes, extend invitations for site demonstration days, art shows, performances, STEAM projects, as well as best practices. For more information, please visit the VCOE Arts Website https://www.vcoe.org/Curriculum-and-Instruction/Content-Areas/Arts
The Children’s Creative Project (CCP) provides exceptional performing arts experiences to students throughout the county. It brings together students and professional artists, enabling children to develop artistic perception, creative expression, and an understanding of artists, the creative process, and historical and cultural arts heritage. The project, founded in 1974, now reaches roughly 50,000 children annually during school hours in more

Ventura County Partnerships
The Ventura County Office of Education (VCOE) is committed to quality arts education for all, partnering with local community and educational arts organizations. The Ventura County Arts Council, ArtTrek, Museum of Ventura County, and California Lutheran University – Shakespeare Educational Tour are instrumental in providing Ventura County students access to the arts.

“When we teach a child to sing or play the flute, we teach her how to listen. When we teach her to draw, we teach her to see. When we teach a child to dance, we teach him about his body and about space, and when he acts on stage, he learns about character and motivation. When we teach a child design, we reveal the geometry of the world. When we teach children about the folk and traditional arts and the great masterpieces of the world, we teach them to celebrate their roots and find their own place in history.”

– Jane Alexander, former Director for the National Endowment of the Arts