

MEASURING ARTS EDUCATION IN YOUR DISTRICT

ARTS EDUCATION PROFILE

The LA County arts education initiative, Arts for All, is launching the Arts Education Profile, a research project designed to identify the quality, quantity and equitable distribution of arts education in LA County public schools.

The Arts Ed Profile will:

Reveal the distribution of dance, music, theatre, visual and media arts instruction across grades, schools and districts.

Enable districts to consider current resource allocations and make data-based decisions on school site plans and LCAPs.

Supplement data reported in the California Arts Education Data Project.

Provide a fresh roadmap for accomplishing the shared goal that all 1.5 million LA County public school students receive high quality arts instruction as part of a well-rounded public education.

Whether your district has robust arts education or has some work ahead, data collected by an external organization has proven to be a critical advocacy tool for making the case for arts education.

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SCHOOL DISTRICT QUESTIONNAIRE

Who will the district questionnaire be sent to?

The questionnaire will be sent to the district superintendent. If the superintendent is not available to respond, another person may be designated to complete the questionnaire.

How long will the district questionnaire take to complete?

Approximately 15 minutes.

What types of questions will be asked?

Does my district have a staff person that oversees arts education? If so, how much time does that person spend on arts education?

If a student receives art instruction in elementary school, will the student be able to receive continued instruction in that art form in middle and high school?

What are my top strategies for sustaining and improving arts education?

SCHOOL SITE QUESTIONNAIRE

Who will the school questionnaire be sent to?

Each school principal will receive the questionnaire. If the principal is not available to respond, another person may be designated to complete the questionnaire.

How long will the school questionnaire take to complete?

Approximately 45 minutes for a principal with grades K to 8.
Approximately 20 minutes for a principal with grades 9 to 12.

What types of questions will be asked?

Principals of schools with grades K to 8:

By grade level, for each art form (dance, music, theatre, visual and media arts):

How often is the art form taught?

How many minutes is the arts class period?

Are credentialed teachers teaching the art form?

Are the arts typically integrated? Are they also taught discretely?

Are teachers using a shared curriculum?

Principals of schools with any grades, K to 12:

Who, besides a credentialed arts teacher, teaches the arts?

Does the school partner with teaching artists or community arts organizations?

Do teachers participate in arts professional development?

Are teachers assessing the arts? What kind of assessments are they using?

Do students use technology tools in their arts classes?

What kinds of spaces are used for instruction in each art form?

HOW TO PARTICIPATE

TIMELINE

- February–April 2017** Staff available to present an overview of the project upon request
- March 1, 2017** Link to questionnaires emailed to participants
- April 28, 2017** Survey closes

How can I best prepare to provide accurate information about the arts education offered to my students?

Participants are encouraged to discuss and review the questionnaire with colleagues. As some questions are asked per grade level, teachers may provide insight into the varied instruction offered.

What school year will I report on?

Participants will be reporting on the 2016–17 school year.

How do I access the questionnaire?

Arts for All and implementation partner, Harder+Company Community Research, will directly email principals and superintendents with a link to the questionnaire. If you need assistance accessing the questionnaire, contact Matt Agustin.

How do I access my school and district's data?

School and district responses will be made available to participants after the close of the survey.

Will my school's information be publicly available?

In fall 2017, Arts for All will release a report of County-level findings, identifying strengths, areas of need and ways to better align efforts among Arts for All's partners. Results from each participating school will be made available on our website.

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ABOUT ARTS FOR ALL

Arts for All is the LA County initiative dedicated to making the arts core in K-12 public education. Established in 2002 by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, Arts for All is a partnership between the Los Angeles County Arts Commission and the Los Angeles County Office of Education (LACOE). Arts for All aligns efforts across the region around the shared goal of providing a well-rounded education for LA County's 1.5 million public school students.

