

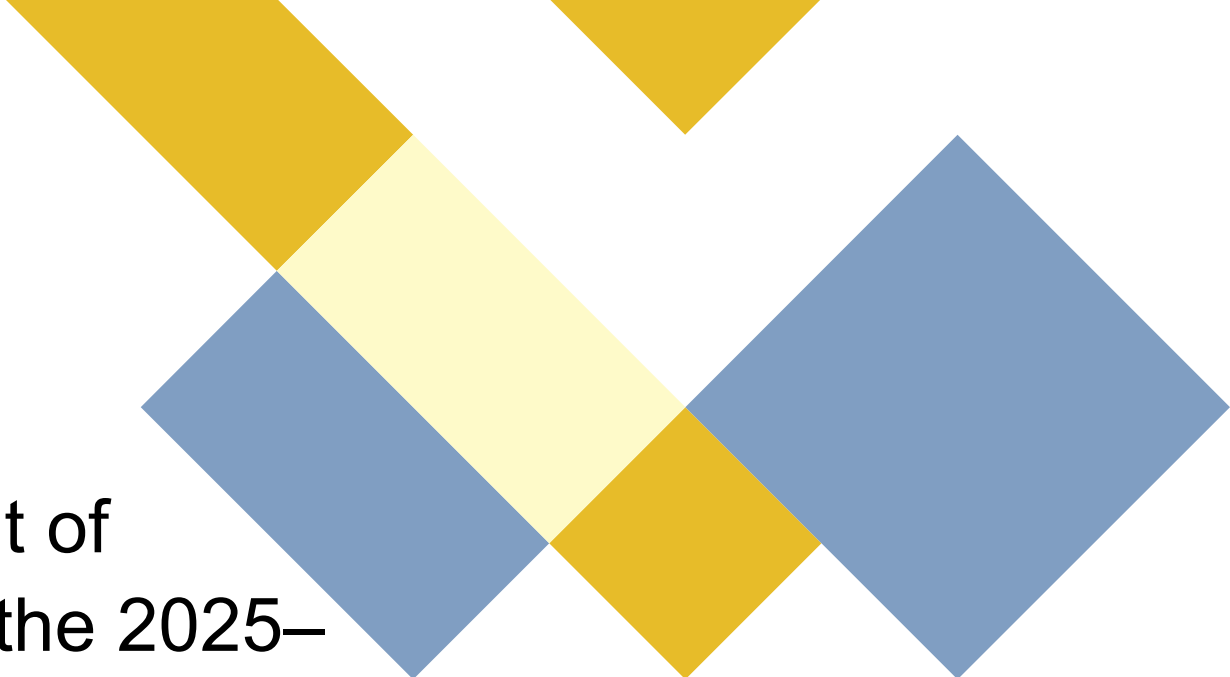
California Exemplary Arts Education Award (EAEA)

2025–26 Recipient Spotlight #1

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EAEA Recipient Spotlight



Each month the California Department of Education will highlight a selection of the 2025–26 recipients. Highlights for this month include:

- Echo Valley Elementary School
- Mark Keppel Elementary School
- Jefferson Middle School
- Palm Middle School
- Prairie Vista Middle School

Echo Valley Elementary School

- Echo Valley showed strengths in student, family, and community engagement with Flipper Fest, Family Art Nights, and Showcases throughout the year.
- They offer a wide variety of arts experiences including mural projects, cultural dancing, DJ club, theater, puppetry, music, and more.

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Mark Keppel Elementary School

- All Transitional Kindergarten through fifth grade students rotate disciplines each trimester, ensuring exposure to all five art mediums.
- Mark Keppel utilizes community resources, bringing in local professionals including Los Angeles Music Center, Crayola, cultural groups, and artists to do professional development with the staff and classes or presentations with the students.



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Jefferson Middle School

- Art career exploration is highlighted through family and community art and career nights.
- Jefferson Middle School utilizes project-based learning and high-tech digital tools to support arts education.

[Jefferson Middle School](#)



Palm Middle School



- Palm Middle School utilizes a wide variety of student demonstrations throughout the year including in-class gallery walks; digital showcases; and participation in school, district, and regional exhibitions including district-wide honors ensembles, cultural dance groups and theater productions.
- Field trips to regional arts institutions are utilized to connect instruction to professional art settings.

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Prairie Vista Middle School

- Prairie Vista partners with many industry professionals including Cinemagic, which is an Ireland-based organization that gives students hands-on experience in the movie-making industry.
- Art-based classes are offered six periods of the day, allowing arts access to all students either through designated visual and performing arts classes, or exploratory wheels that provide access to multiple types of arts instruction.

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