

California Exemplary Arts Education Award (EAEA)

Recipient Spotlight #2

California Department of Education
Tony Thurmond, State Superintendent of
Public Instruction



Each month we will highlight a few of the 2026 recipients

Highlights for this month include:

- Claremont High School
- CK McClatchy High School
- Crescenta Valley High School
- Delano High School
- Gabrielino High School



Claremont High School

- Claremont High School ensures arts access for all students by prioritizing Visual and Performing Arts (VAPA) classes in the master schedule before scheduling their other classes.



- Community resources are utilized through college mentors, local artists, museums and theaters. In addition, they partner with various businesses to display student art for the community.
- [Home - Claremont High School](#)

CK McClatchy High School

- CK McClatchy offers a wide range of VAPA course selections, including multiple options for four-year, college and career aligned pathways in the arts. These pathways protect art courses from conflicts with other classes.
- Teachers across departments collaborate with VAPA faculty on integrated projects that link art, design, and core academic subjects, with a particular emphasis on their unique “push-in Art Specialist model.”
- [Home - C.K. McClatchy High School](#)



Crescenta Valley High School

- Crescenta Valley High offers 56 sections of VAPA classes during the regular school day including 23 in visual arts, 18 in performing arts, and 15 in media arts.
- Collaboration is utilized between the VAPA programs. The drama, choral, instrumental, entertainment technology, and fashion departments work together to put on yearly musicals.
- [Home - Crescenta Valley High School Home](#)



Delano High School

- Delano High School ensures that students get hands on experience with industry-standard tools which elevate instruction, improve safety, and prepare students for college and career pathways in the arts.
- Professionals in the art world such as costume designers, choreographers, and sound technicians come into the classrooms to put on workshops for the students. These workshops help the students to run various aspects of yearly performances.
- [Home - Delano High School](#)



Gabrielino High School

- Gabrielino High School serves as the hub for community and district engagement in the arts. They host the district's annual arts fest and various community, district, and family art nights.
- The strategic plan utilizes the “Portrait to Practice” method which ensures that arts instruction cultivates core competencies like resilience and global citizenship.
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