



Arts for All: Los Angeles County Regional Blueprint for Arts Education

MISSION

To bring about systemic change in the 81 school districts of Los Angeles County in order to implement comprehensive, sequential K-12 arts education for every public school student in the County.

VISION

Every public school student in Los Angeles County will receive a high-quality K-12 education of which the arts are an intrinsic part of the core-curriculum.

PERSONALIZED COACHING FOR PLANNING

OVERVIEW OF SERVICES: *Based-upon the successful technical assistance delivered to school districts through Arts for All since 2003, Level 3 technical assistance provides personalized support for school districts to engage in a strategic process for long term arts education planning in the focus areas ¹. This level provides districts with training in facilitation and consensus building, expert coaching over the course of 10 meetings to conduct a needs assessment, to develop and adopt an arts education policy, and to write and adopt a long-range (3-5 years) budgeted strategic plan. This level of service enables districts to develop a solid infrastructure that can sustain arts education overtime.*

Other Services can be customized according to individual district needs.

OUTCOMES

- Needs assessment which assists districts in understanding what currently exists at the school and/or district level.
- Adoption of an arts education policy, long-range strategic plan and budget for implementing a K-12, standards-based arts education program district-wide.
- Adoption of a long-range spending plan based on key priorities outlined in adopted plan.

COMMITMENT

- Complete an application form to demonstrate the district's level of readiness to engage in this planning process.
- Work with Arts for All to customize technical assistance for arts education planning and spending.
- Provide leadership for the establishment of a Community Arts Team (CAT) whose charge is to develop and present a policy and budgeted plan for adoption by the school board and guide the future implementation of the plan.
- Commit to the active participation of district leadership – School Board Member, Deputy/Assistant Superintendent or District Level Administrator – on the district's Community Arts Team.
- Appoint district and community co-chairs of CAT, who will jointly participate in leadership and strategic planning training, as well as plan and facilitate CAT meetings.
- Invite 10-20 district and community individuals to serve on CAT, who will participate in the planning process.
- Provide support for teacher release time as needed, as well as in-kind support, for meeting facilities and materials.
- Complete the Arts Education Performance Indicators (AEPI) survey which tracks a county-wide infrastructure to support arts education, including an overview of how state monies were expended.

¹ The Focus Areas include: Standards-based Curriculum, Instruction and Methodology, Student Assessment, Professional Development, Program Administration and Personnel, Partnerships and Collaborations, Funding, Resources and Facilities, Program Evaluation

BUDGET

SLIDING SCALE FEE FOR DISTRICTS:

- Districts serving less than 10,000 students = \$5,000 fee (25% of actual cost)
 - Districts serving between 10-20,000 students = \$10,000 fee (50% of actual cost)
 - Districts serving more than 20,000 students = \$15,000 fee (75% of actual cost)
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BENEFITS

Planning and Community Development:

- Personalized coaching specialized to meet the needs of districts
- Access to Blueprint leadership on call as needed, ongoing support to district teams, advisory
- Structured, effective planning process with clear expectations and outcomes
- Sharing of successful models from all sized districts nationally, statewide and locally
- Forging of partnerships and collaborations between the district and community stakeholders

Networking:

- Participating in a consortium of districts engaged in creating systemic change
- Connecting colleagues for sharing best practices
- Member of Arts for All online community for learning the latest information first
- Ongoing support from key County stakeholders

Training and Opportunities:

- Training in internationally recognized Technology of Participation/meeting facilitation, which is applicable to other areas of work
- Training in effective communication with district and community stakeholders and local media
- Matching monies for artists residencies through the Arts for All Residency Program
- Preferential notification for workshops, conferences and trainings
- Subsidized training and workshops
- Access to equipment, materials and special opportunities

Recognition:

- Participating in national model for arts education reform
- Commitment and work of districts is featured at national, statewide and local conferences, meetings and workshops
- Arts Education Performance Indicators report, released nationally, statewide and locally, features district improvement over time
- Acknowledgement of key benchmarks by Board of Supervisors at a televised Board meeting and at school board meetings
- Leveraging “good news” articles highlighting work and success of district

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