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Nevada County Board of Supervisors

## Youth Art Month: Young at Art Arts Education in Nevada County Schools

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## Seven Hills Middle School's Theatre Arts Class



For at least the last 10 years, there has been a greater emphasis on the arts in education, especially NOW as the new Visual & Performing Arts Standards, called the California Arts Standards, have been rolled out in California in early 2019.

- In 2019, the State Board of Education approved the NEW California Arts Standards.
- In 2020, the framework from CDE was made to reflect arts aligned with the NEW Arts standards.
- There are now 5 disciplines in the new Arts standards: Music, Theatre, Dance, Visual Arts, and now, Media Arts too.
- Nevada County has developed a local Strategic Arts Plan for implementing more Arts Education into our schools.

## *Artists in Schools After-School Arts Program*



There is proven recognition that the arts in education teaches lifelong 21<sup>st</sup> century skills like critical thinking, collaboration, communication, and community engagement and empathy.



- The arts produce a fun and creative atmosphere to learn.
- The arts help better prepare students for college and the workforce by giving them the necessary skills of innovation, creativity and imagination to be successful and competitive in today's global market.



Arts education exposes children to a variety of cultures while enriching their learning experience and teaching them how to be empathetic, tolerant and open to working with others, all necessary skills to prepare students for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century and a multi-cultural, multi-ethnic society.



Exposing our students to *classical music* daily in the classroom not only provides an opportunity to learn about music and the story behind the composer and song, but it calms and centers students to help them be better prepared for all learning activities. Mindfulness and self-regulation are the newest and most effective cognitive practices classrooms often use.

## School & Community Benefits:

The Arts facilitate a student's learning in all subject areas. The Arts are integrated across subject areas in the Common Core State Standards and beyond.

A comprehensive arts education curriculum nurtures a collaborative school culture, building a sense of community within a school and creates ties to surrounding communities and cultures of the world.

A well-rounded arts education has proven to increase student attendance, create connections to curriculum, and build positive behavior, creating a stronger learning environment.



Nevada Union's Theatre Arts Improv Class



To help fund the Arts, schools may utilize their LCAP funding to help improve and implement more arts. Now that the NEW California Arts Standards are in action, this is even more possible.

In the meantime, finding community partnerships to help support the arts in the schools is welcomed. Nevada County has incredible partnerships with art organizations and community agencies.

## COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS:

### Music in the Mountains:

Take 5 Classical Music Listening Program  
Carnegie Link Up Recorders Program

### InConcert Sierra:

Music Live

Educational Concerts for elementary students/scholarships  
Peers Performing 4 Peers  
Young Composers Project

Sierra College

Center for the Arts

Nevada County Government: *Young at Art* Student Art Exhibit

### Nevada County Arts Council:

ARTISTS in SCHOOLS: Local Artists teaching arts-integrated lessons

### KVMR Radio Station/Nevada County Media:

*Educationally Speaking*, a bi-monthly talk show about Nevada County Education

### Art Docent Program:

Scripted visual arts lessons and projects, learning artists' history & artistic techniques

### Nevada County Libraries:

Nevada County Reads & Writes





Music in the Mountains' Link Up recorder concert with Carnegie Hall.



InConcert Sierra's county-wide 3<sup>rd</sup> grade live Music concert every spring.



InConcert Sierra Student Showcase #2 - May 31, ...  
a  
Classical Music Culture



Spring Student Showcase

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InConcert Sierra holds showcases virtually in 2020 so our musically engaged children can still perform and be highlighted during the Pandemic.



California Arts Council Presents  
**Virtual Family Fun Day**

Free Online Event

Saturday, December 5, 2020

Watch the Replay Below

10:00 am pacific time

Online: [thecenterforthearts.org](http://thecenterforthearts.org)

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Featuring: Circus Fun with Fancifool: KIDS!, "The

The Center for the Arts holds traditional youth arts events, despite the obstacles of 2020.



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Nevada County Arts Council and Nevada County Superintendent of Schools collaborated & funded a series of filmed professional artists' visual arts-integrated lessons for Nevada County students grades TK-6 to enjoy.



In March every year, the largest youth art exhibit in Nevada County happens. YOUNG AT ART where art infuses with academics. March is National Arts Month.

# NCSOS Nevada County



“Full STEAM ahead” for spring 2022 for our annual Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, & Math Fair.

## County-Wide Arts Education Project:

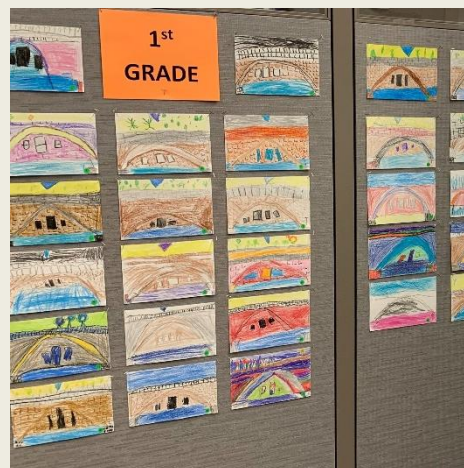
"Flowing Through History, The Bridgeport Bridge Restoration Project" was an art and media competition for children of Nevada County, sponsored by the Save Our Bridge Campaign Committee, CA State Parks and the Sierra Gold Parks Foundation.

NCSoS partnered with the Bridgeport Restoration Celebration Committee to support two art competitions for students across our county. There were two challenges that focused on the history of the South Yuba River State Park and the Bridgeport Bridge:

- Art poster or visual display (grades K-12)
- 1-3 minute YouTube video (grades 4-12)

Over 340 students throughout Nevada County participated in the contest and learned about the history and significance of the iconic Bridge at Bridgeport.

The celebration of 22 winners was held on 5/29/20 with a drive-thru presentation of the prizes for the winners (gift cards, honorary certificates from Doug LaMalfa and NCSoS). The BIG PRIZE is yet to happen: students will be the first to cross the bridge and have their art displayed at the re-opening ceremony anticipated in the Spring, 2021.







Thank you for taking the time to listen today and to continue to support arts education partnerships to benefit schools and students in our community!

*"The Arts are the ways that we express our humanity."  
-Alfre Woodard, Actress*