San Diego Unified School District
Visual and Performing Arts Strategic Plan 2016-2021
Executive Summary

Vision Statement
Transforming lives through the arts.

Mission Statement
San Diego Unified School District will promote artistic literacy, innovation, creativity, and excellence in the arts by providing a high quality, sequential, TK-12 arts experience for all students. By implementing district policies that support and sustain the arts as a core subject, the Visual and Performing Arts Department (VAPA) will support the highest quality arts education in dance, music, theatre, and visual arts, providing services in curriculum and instruction, professional development and community collaboration.

Guiding Principles
All students have equitable access to arts education
We find strength in diversity

On February 4, 2016 the Arts Empower Task Force met for the first time with the task of writing a strategic Visual and Performing Arts Education Plan for San Diego Unified School District. The committee’s goals were to create a visionary plan for San Diego that would provide a high quality, comprehensive, sequential, standards-based arts education for all students at all schools. This committee represented a cross section of the district including administrators, visual and performing arts teachers, multiple subject teachers, community members, parents and students. The goal is to fully implement the plan within 3-5 years, acknowledging that the implementation timeline will need to correspond with overall district financial obligations.

In the four sessions, the committee created a vision statement, mission statement and a District Plan to enrich SDUSD students’ lives with the arts. The Plan is divided into five ‘Priority Areas’ that address the specific needs of a comprehensive arts program. Resources used to help define these goal areas were the National Core Arts Standards, 2014; The Qualities of Quality: Understanding Excellence in Arts Education, Project Zero, Harvard University, 2009; and Ed Codes 51210, 51220 and 8950.

The Priority Areas are:
1. Resources
2. Curriculum
3. Professional Development
4. Visual and Performing Arts Magnet Schools
5. Community Engagement and Relationships

In addition to the four sessions of the Visual and Performing Arts Task Force Committee, four focus groups convened to provide feedback and input on the Priority Areas created by the Task Force. The first focus group invited all community arts organizations affiliated with the San
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Each **Priority Area** has specific action steps to be taken, with their resulting outcomes, budget implications, and recommended timelines for implementation. The timeline for the plan has been divided over the five years for implementation. This would allow the district flexibility according to fiscal restraints but provide a roadmap for long-term implementation.

In the complete plan you will find:

1. Task Force Committee Members
2. Focus Group Contributors
3. Complete Visual and Performing Arts Education Plan
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