Duarte Unified School District

K-12 Standards-based





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The aim of art is to represent not the outward appearance of things, but their inward significance.

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Duarte Unified School District Vision Statement

The Duarte Unified School District is committed to providing a quality education exemplified by high performing schools that equip our students with 21st Century skills for an ever-changing global economy.

Vision Statement Of the Visual and Performing Arts

In 3-5 years, we would like to see these essential elements integrated into our K-12 Arts Education Program . . .

- Ongoing, inclusive, sequential Arts Instruction (K-12)
- Validation of student work through Performances and Showcases
- Dedicated, well-equipped, accessible Space and appropriate Materials at all sites
- Highly-qualified, passionate, certificated Arts Education Teachers
- Daily, experiential, inspiring Arts Instruction that nurtures the personal expression of creativity
- Dedicated Leadership and Structure to ensure a thriving Arts Education Program
- Ongoing, mutually beneficial, relevant Community Partnerships
- Well-established, continually expanding Arts Education Program
- Diversified, strategic, structured financial resources that provide adequate funding for Duarte's Arts Education Program

Project Background and Planning Process

Throughout the years, Duarte Unified School District (DUSD) has supported arts education, with a concerted focus on music programs. The numerous awards and showcase opportunities for high school choral and instrumental programs are a testament to this effort.

On October 8, 2008, the Duarte Board of Education adopted an ambitious and comprehensive policy for the Visual and Performing Arts. In January 2011, Dr. Terry Nichols returned to lead DUSD as Superintendent. He has made the development of a K-12 music education program a priority of his administration. To further elevate quality and access to arts education for all students within the district, DUSD became designated as an 'Arts for All' district in the fall of 2013. The 6-month collaborative strategic planning process led by Arts Education Consultant Celena Turney, resulted in the multi-phase plan and supporting documents included in this packet.

State of the Arts in the Duarte Unified School District

Strengths

- Student participation in music festivals
- Credentialed arts teachers
- Some discipline-based and arts-integrated lessons
- Active community partners; through the city @ teen and senior centers
- Some dedicated spaces for arts instruction at elementary level
- Adequate facilities with the Performing Arts Center adjacent to schools
- Committed leadership team for the arts

Challenges

- Uneven understanding of what arts education is at every level
- Absence of district-wide policy, plan, and vision
- Lack of coordination of VAPA program at elementary levels at and among sites
- Inconsistent funding from outside sources
- Grade level expectations are not articulated
- Uneven access to arts instruction
- Inconsistent access to musical instruments
- Insufficient PD

Strategic Directions and First Year Goals for the Visual and Performing Arts

Sustainability

- Approve district-wide VAPA plan and policy
- Communicate Duarte Arts Education plan, activities, and accomplishments to all stakeholders on a regular basis
- Organize and implement a joint district and community arts funding plan
- Nurture ongoing partnership with Mr. Holland's Opus Foundation

Infrastructure

- Assign appropriate resources for facilities and equipment to support music instruction (K-12)
- Establish Beardsley Elementary as a Visual and Performing Arts Magnet.
- Create and implement hiring guidelines for staff teaching VAPA at all levels
- Establish district-wide VAPA coordination
- Identify non-monetary community resources

Content

- Develop Program Goals and Learning Outcomes for Elementary Music Instruction.
- Provide instructors with Professional Development opportunities
- Allocate time and resources for Staff Development Days for K-12 arts instruction
- Provide the learning foundations for the appreciation and application of the arts beyond the classroom in the curriculum design for all VAPA disciplines.

In 3-5 years, what do we want to see in place in our district's arts education program?

Ongoing, inclusive, sequential Music Instruction (K-12)	Validation of student work through Performances and Showcases	Dedicated, well-equipped, accessible Space and appropriate Materials at all sites	Highly- qualified, passionate, certificated Arts Education Teachers	Daily, experiential, inspiring Arts Instruction that nurtures the personal expression of creativity	Dedicated Leadership and Structure to ensure a thriving Arts Education Program	Ongoing, mutually beneficial, relevant Community Partnerships	Well- established, continually expanding Arts Education Programs
Leveled music instruction at all elementary schools K-2 nd grade instruction in rhythm and movement All students in 4 th -6 th grade have instrument or chorus Recorders 4 th grade All 3 rd graders learn recorder/choir Band/Orchestra 5 th /6 th grade	HS and MS have defined season of 2-4 shows Visual Arts showcase at elementary school Hold a production each semester District Choral Festival District Instrumental Festival High School Musical	Band instruments available at Elementary Schools Art Galleries and Studios in every School! Art displayed EVERYWHERE throughout the campus Orff Instruments	Certificated arts teachers in every school Visual Arts instructors at K-6 levels Professionally trained teachers rotate to elementary schools in all strands Professional development for elementary teachers	Train every student daily on Music, Art, etc. 5 hours of ARTS Instruction per week Visual/Performing Arts as requirements at NV and DHS to graduate Daily Arts Class for each student (music, art, composition, design, dance)	Vertical planning between grades and schools Visual/Performing Arts Chair to oversee secondary level The arts have the same level of importance as other subjects	Find creative ways to get/keep community involved Community involvement to support productions Outside professionals brought in to perform for all schools	Theater class at NV Show Choir at DHS Expand on BAME

Honor Choir/Band at each				
Elementary				
Orff K-3				
Chorus for all				

Strategic Directions in Arts Education for Duarte Unified School District

Sustainability Policy, Funding, Program Evaluation, Communication, Advocacy, District Leadership	Approve district-wide VAPA plan and policy. Board approve district-wide VAPA plan that includes regular monitoring, review and updating Establish shared vision for hiring arts personnel. Create district policy to specify student access to the arts	Communicate plan to all stakeholders on a regular basis. Share vision with board and staff (internal) Communicate to community regarding VAPA events (external)	Organize and implement a community-wide funding plan for the arts. • Secure funding commitments from community • Ensure that diverse funding streams are identified	
Infrastructure Admin/Coordination, Personnel, Facilities and Equipment, Partnership and Collaboration	Assign appropriate resources for facilities and equipment to support music instruction (K-12). Inventory and purchase musical instruments for elementary schools Designate/ build secure areas for equipment and materials storage Dedicate a space for music instruction at each school	Create hiring policy for staff teaching VAPA at all levels. Create job descriptions and experience/education requirements for HS VAPA dept instructors Create job descriptions and experience/education requirements for elementary music/band instructors	Establish district-wide VAPA Coordination. Engage all district level staff to coordinate and articulate plan Create District VAPA Coordinator position	Identify non-monetary community resources. • Identify venues and support facilities
Content Curriculum, Pedagogy, Student Assessment, Professional Development	 Develop Scope and Sequence for Elementary Music and Visual Arts Instruction. Establish guidelines for instruction at each grade level Identify student assessment criteria for K-12 music Develop process and performance assessments 	Provide Instructors with Professional Development Opportunities • Develop a PD plan in Visual Arts for K-6 teachers. • Provide In-Service on K- 12 Standards-based Arts Instruction	Allocate time and resources for Staff Development Days for K-12 arts instruction. • Hold vertical content meetings (K-12) • Establish internal partnerships for performances and mentoring opportunities	

Sustainability: Leadership, Communication, Advocacy, Program Evaluation, School/District/State Policy

1 st Year Goals	Quarter 1 Fall 2013	Quarter 2 Winter 2014	Quarter 3 Spring 2014	Quarter 4 Summer 2014	Possible Funding Sources/Person Responsible
Approve district-wide VAPA plan.	 Complete VAPA Plan Present draft plan to Strategic Cabinet for input 11-20-13 Gather final revisions from CAT at 12-4-13 meeting 	Develop board packet; send materials to Mercedes by 1-6-14 Submit District-wide VAPA plan that includes regular monitoring, review and updating to Board for approval on January 16, 2014			CAT team members Kaye Ekstrand
Establish district- wide VAPA Coordination.		Develop system for communication and calendaring across district and community Develop tool for sharing VAPA information	 Coordinate scheduling with elementary principals Engage all district level staff to coordinate plan (ongoing) 	Identify district VAPA program coordination needs Research VAPA coordinator roles/responsibilities across LA County	Ed Services CAT members
Communicate Duarte Arts Education plan, activities, and accomplishments to all stakeholders on a regular basis.		Promote VAPA events on district master calendar	 Share plan with district level staff Press release to local newspapers Plan to partners and stakeholders; DEF, Music Matters, new sponsors 	 Plan to parents and PTAs in English and Spanish Plan on FB, school and district website Plan on City of Duarte outlets; website, Teen Center MYC, City Council 	Ed Services

Infrastructure: Adequate Funding, Facilities & Equipment, Partnerships & Collaborations, Program Administration & Personnel

1 st Year Goals	Quarter 1 Fall 2013	Quarter 2 Winter 2014	Quarter 3 Spring 2014	Quarter 4 Summer 2014	Possible Funding Sources/Person Responsible
Organize and implement a joint district and community arts funding plan.	 Identify current and possible funding streams from diverse sources Representatives from District, Ed. Foundation, PTA, and other stakeholders meet to align initiatives Draft and present arts funding proposal to Duarte Educational Foundation for 2014-2015 year 	Develop comprehensive fundraising plan that includes budget and strategic funding priorities for 2014-2015	Monitor fundraising progress; adjust spending plans accordingly		Duarte Educational Foundation, Music Matters Committee Mr. Holland's Opus- Tricia Steel- Jenny Owens
Create and implement hiring guidelines for staff teaching VAPA at all levels.	Establish shared vision for hiring arts personnel	Research CTC requirements and other schools/districts for teacher required qualifications Create arts personnel structure that aligns with current personnel structures	Clearly identify job descriptions and necessary credentials for K-12 arts personnel	Create district VAPA Coordinator position job description	Human Resources Relevant Arts Specialists

1 st Year Goals	Quarter 1 Fall 2013	Quarter 2 Winter 2014	Quarter 3 Spring 2014	Quarter 4 Summer 2014	Estimated Budget/Person Responsible
Assign appropriate resources for facilities and equipment to support VAPA instruction (K-12).	Inventory musical instruments for elementary schools	 Principals and staffs identify spaces Work with M.O. to make any repairs or changes (structural/security) Designate/build secure areas for equipment and materials storage 	 Dedicate a space for arts instruction at each school site Purchase elementary instruments Develop a protocol for VAPA equipment inventory 	Expand inventory system for storage and use of VAPA resources at all sites	Ed Services (funds approval) Brad Patterson (facilities) Principals (space allocation) District Instrument Coordinator (Rich)
Establish Beardsley Elementary as a Visual and Performing Arts Magnet.			 Research and visit other districts with similar school site program. Articulate status quo 	Develop multi- year strategic implementation plan.	Jennifer Janetzke Ed Services
Nurture ongoing partnership with Mr. Holland's Opus Foundation	Inventory, document, and distribute instruments		•	Write year-end report on status of instrument use	Instrumental Musi Instructors

Content: Standards-based Curriculum, Instruction & Methodology, Student Assessment, Professional Development

1 st Year Goals	Quarter 1 Fall 2013	Quarter 2 Winter 2014	Quarter 3 Spring 2014	Quarter 4 Summer 2014	Possible Funding Sources/Person Responsible
Develop Program Goals and Learning Outcomes for Elementary Music Instruction.	 Decide which grade levels and school sites will be taught music in first year Set learning and programmatic goals and outcomes for elementary music program Begin piloting elementary band program at 6th grade at Beardsley 	Begin planning for elementary music program at 6 th grade at other sites	Monitor elementary music program progress Assess program for alignment to stated goals and learning outcomes	Determine elementary program scheduling for 2014-2015	Ed Services Band Teacher Vocal Music Teacher Applicable staff
Provide Instructors with Professional Development Opportunities.		Determine professional development needs around arts education for VAPA teachers at all levels at January 17, 2014 District Staff Development Day	 Establish PD priorities (teachers, levels, content) Identify and research possible partnerships Develop PD Plan 		Ed Services Principals District VAPA Instructors
Provide the learning foundations for the appreciation and application of the arts beyond the classroom in the curriculum design for all VAPA disciplines.		-7	Investigate career paths in post secondary arts		Ed Services HS VAPA Dept.

Phase and Year	Goals	Implementation Tasks	Budget Implications. Possible Sources for Funding. Point Person(s)
2014- 2016	Establish a PD plan for arts education that addresses the needs of district stakeholders.	 Research and plan for PD on standards-based discrete and integrated VAPA instruction for VAPA and generalist teachers (K-12) Research and plan for PD in arts education that incorporates Common Core standards and practices Research and plan for PD in arts education for administrators and parents 	Ed Services Principals
2014- 2016	Develop scope and sequence for music instruction (K-12).	 Current VAPA teachers meet to determine music needs at elementary and middle school levels Research local elementary and middle school music programs to get ideas for curriculum design Establish benchmarks in music for students entering Middle School and High School to guide curriculum design at previous levels 	VAPA Teachers Elementary, Middle, and High School Band and choral music teachers Ed Services
2014- 2016	Develop and begin implementing student assessment for secondary music (6-12).	 Research, develop, and implement student assessments for music instruction (6-12) Align student outcomes in music instruction to assessments 	VAPA Teachers Elementary, Middle, and High School Band and choral music teachers Ed Services Principals
2014- 2016	Research and develop a plan to incorporate the visual arts into Duarte SD's Arts Education Plan.	Research integrated and discrete Visual Arts programs to get ideas for program (frequency and duration) and curriculum design	VAPA teachers

Phase and Year	Goals	Implementation Tasks	Budget Implications. Possible Sources for Funding. Point Person(s)
2016- 2018	Continue building capacity in the arts by developing a PD plan for arts that addresses the deepening awareness and competency of district stakeholders.	 Research and plan for PD on standards-based discrete and integrated VAPA instruction for VAPA and generalist teachers (K-12) Research and plan for PD in arts education that incorporates Common Core standards and practices Research and plan for PD in arts education for administrators and parents 	Ed Services VAPA Teachers
2016- 2018	Develop scope and sequence for visual arts instruction (K-12).	 Current VAPA teachers meet to determine VA needs at elementary and middle school levels Research local elementary and middle school VA programs to get ideas for curriculum design Establish benchmarks in VA for students entering Middle School and High School to guide curriculum design at previous levels 	Ed Services VAPA Teachers
2016- 2018	Develop and begin implementing student assessment for elementary music (K-5).	 Research, develop, and implement student assessments for music instruction (K-5) Align student outcomes in music instruction to assessments 	Ed Services VAPA Teachers
2016- 2018	Research and develop a plan to incorporate theater and dance into Duarte SD's Arts Education Plan.	Research integrated and discrete Theater and Dance programs to get ideas for program (frequency and duration) and curriculum design	Ed Services VAPA Teachers

Phase and Year	Goals	Implementation Tasks	Budget Implications. Possible Sources for Funding Point Person(s)
2014- 2016	Allocate time and resources for Staff Development arts instruction for (K-12).	Schedule and hold meetings to articulate and align vertical content in Music	Ed Services School site principals
2014- 2016	Identify and implement internal partnerships for performing and mentoring opportunities.	 Schedule a district-wide VAPA showcase Expand ArtPals Program to other arts disciplines and sites 	Ed Services Career Counselors at MS and HS VAPA Department Instructors ROP Arts Instructors Elementary Principals
2014- 2016	Establish strategic implementation plan for Beardslee Elementary as VAPA Magnet.	 Secure funding for planning process Undertake strategic planning process (practical vision, current reality, strategic directions, plan for implementation/growth/monitoring) 	Principal Ed Services
2014- 2016	Nurture strategic, long-term partnerships for funding (grants, foundations, donors)	Solidify relationships and develop protocols (roles/responsibilities) Duarte Education Foundation, Mr. Holland's Opus, and others	Ed Services Grant Writer VAPA Teachers Ed Foundation

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2016- 2018	Allocate time and resources for Staff Development arts instruction for (K-12).	Schedule and hold meetings to articulate and align vertical content in Visual Arts	Ed Services School site principals
2016- 2018	Identify and implement internal partnerships for performing and mentoring opportunities.	 Monitor existing partnerships; opportunities should be rigorous, relevant to instruction and connection to real world activities, and aligned with district arts plan goals Invite new partners to participate 	Ed Services Career Counselors at MS and HS VAPA Department Instructors ROP Arts Instructors Elementary Principals
2016- 2018	Establish strategic implementation plan for Beardslee Elementary as VAPA Magnet.	Develop funding, administrative, and content-based structures to support new program	Principal Ed Services
2016- 2018	Establish an Arts Ed Foundation and/or Performing Arts Endowment to ensure consistent funding for the arts.	Research possible donor base for Arts Endowment	District Grant Writer

Focus A	Focus Area: Sustainability						
Phase and Year	Goals	Implementation Tasks	Budget Implications. Possible Sources for Funding. Point Person(s)				
2014- 2016	Monitor and Update Arts Education Plan for progress and alignment to district goals.	 Plan for yearly monitoring of Arts Education Program plan Make needed modifications Update plans for PD, fundraising, and content to include new strategic priorities Share revised plan to board and cabinet 					
2014- 2016	Evaluate Arts Education Program at all levels.	 Establish observation and conferencing protocols (administrators/teachers) Research different ways district's are coordinating their VAPA programs (types of VAPA coordinators) 	Principals VAPA Teachers Ed Services				
2014- 2016	Advocate the value of arts education to parents and the community-at large.	 Hold information sessions Plan for family art-making events School site showcase Enlist the support and expertise of Arts for LA to guide advocacy efforts 	Principals VAPA Teachers				

Focus Area: Sustainability			
Phase and Year	Goals	Implementation Tasks	Budget Implications. Possible Sources for Funding. Point Person(s)
2016- 2018	Monitor and Update Arts Education Plan for progress and alignment to district goals.	 Plan for yearly monitoring of Arts Education Program plan Make needed modifications Update plans for PD, fundraising, and content to include new strategic priorities Share revised plan to board and cabinet 	Ed Services Assistant Superintendent
2016- 2018	Evaluate Arts Education Program at all levels.	Establish goals and procedures for building and assessing teacher capacity in arts instruction (administrators)	Principals Ed Services
2016- 2018	Advocate the value of arts education to parents and the community-at large.	 Develop messaging for district-wide arts education Continue to support/advocate Duarte Field Tournament and similar events 	HS Counselors VAPA Instructors