



SMCA Prop 28 Annual Reports & Plan

2025-26 Report

In fiscal year 2025-26, the school used the funds to pay for the Arts Elective offered to 5th-8th graders. This is aligned with the expenditure plan approved by the BSS Board to spark a lifelong love of learning through the arts! At the middle school level, this may include music, visual arts, drama, or dance.

Number of full-time equivalent teachers (certificated) providing arts education programs with AMS funds.	1
Number of full-time equivalent personnel (classified) providing arts education programs with AMS funds.	0
Number of full-time equivalent teaching aides providing arts education programs with AMS funds.	1
Number of students served with AMS funds.	484
Number of school sites providing arts education.	1

This report was approved by the Bright Star Schools Board on June 23, 2026.

2024-25 Report

In the fiscal year 2024-25, the school used the funds to pay for certificated music staff that offered expanded music classes to 6th & 7th grade. This is aligned with the expenditure plan approved by the BSS Board which states:

As students enter middle school, Prop 28 funding empowers us to expand their artistic horizons. We will build upon elementary skills, introduce new art forms, and provide opportunities for self-expression and exploration.

At Stella Middle, the credentialed staff member included music production in the Music Appreciation class and built in two performances for students: a winter performance and a Spring concert.

Number of full-time equivalent teachers (certificated) providing arts education programs with AMS funds.	1
Number of full-time equivalent personnel (classified) providing arts education programs with AMS funds.	0



Number of full-time equivalent teaching aides providing arts education programs with AMS funds.	0
Number of students served with AMS funds.	260
Number of school sites providing arts education.	1

This report was approved by the Bright Star Schools Board on June 24, 2025.

2023-24 Report

As of this fiscal year 2023-24, we have not yet spent these funds. Therefore, this is the report for the year:

Number of full-time equivalent teachers (certificated).	0
Number of full-time equivalent personnel (classified).	0
Number of full-time equivalent teaching aides.	0
Number of students served.	0
Number of school sites providing arts education.	0

This will be approved by the Bright Star Schools Board on May 6, 2025.



2024-25 Expenditure Plan

However, on June 25, 2024 the Bright Star governing board has approved this expenditure plan to use these funds within the allotted time.

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Grade-Specific Considerations:

- **Music:** Refine instrumental skills through band or orchestra programs. Offer opportunities for vocal exploration through choir or small ensembles. Integrate music technology, such as music production software.
- **Visual Arts:** Introduce more advanced techniques like drawing from observation, printmaking, and different painting mediums. Offer electives in specific art forms like ceramics or photography.
- **Drama:** Explore improvisation, scriptwriting, and basic acting techniques. Consider offering an elective in drama or theater arts.
- **Dance:** Introduce basic dance concepts and choreography. Consider offering an elective in a specific dance style (e.g., ballet, modern).

The following expenditure plan outlines how Bright Star Schools will utilize Prop 28 funding to strengthen and expand our arts and music education program at Stella Middle Charter Academy. This plan prioritizes compliance with Prop 28 requirements while fostering a vibrant and inclusive learning environment for all students.

Middle School (5-8)

- **Staffing (80%):** Hire dedicated arts teachers for core disciplines (music, visual arts) and potentially explore exploratory courses (drama, dance, film).
- **Instruction (80%):** Refine the arts curriculum to build upon elementary skills and introduce new techniques and art forms.
- **Materials (20%):** Purchase instruments, art supplies, and potentially specialized equipment for specific art forms.



- **Performances (20%):** Support student performances like band concerts, art shows, and school plays.
- **Professional Development (20%):** Provide ongoing training for arts teachers to stay current with best practices.

Expansion Plan for 2025-26

1. Electives choices for 7th & 8th grades - All 7th & 8th graders will choose between Art or Music and within music, they'll choose between Orchestra and Music Appreciation.
2. Continue the winter and spring concerts and include grade each level.