



Mountain View
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Fine Arts Programs Update

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Why Fine Arts?

Why Fine Arts

- California Visual and Performing Arts Standards adopted in 2001
- Incorporates standards for dance, music, theater, and visual arts
- Standards are currently being revised and a new Framework is expected by January 31, 2019
- Revisions will be made in the subjects of dance, theater, music, and visual arts and new standards shall be recommended in the area of media arts

Why Fine Arts?

District Quality Review Results

- Community partnerships provide a wide range of support and enrichment for student learning. For example, after-school activities, field trips, technology and other supports provide students with varied academic opportunities outside of the traditional classroom environment.
- The district provides a broad curriculum that includes art, music, physical education and specialized programs at some schools such as Dual Immersion and Performing Arts.

MVWSD Values and Beliefs

- Students thrive when presented with well-balanced, joyful learning experiences that challenge their academic, social, and emotional needs
- Every student has a dynamic learner profile that must be considered when creating personalized learning experiences
- Students desire experiences that inspire, challenge, and build creativity and curiosity



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Current Programming - Elementary

Elementary Programs - History

- When Proposition 13 was passed in 1968 arts were cut out of schools
- The Community School of Music and Art (CSMA) started bringing volunteers into the Mountain View schools to do art and music with the children in the 1970's.
- In 1982 CSMA received a grant from the City of Mountain View (CITA funding) to hire art teachers and create an art curriculum.
- When the city funding ended CSMA and the schools each contributed to the cost.
- Not all schools had enough funds to to cover their portion so the district stepped in to create equity in the arts programming for the district.
- In 1993 we added music to the arts programming partnering with Ruth Rogers who had been running a vocal music program.

Elementary Programs - History

- When the Mountain View Educational Foundation was formed, they polled the families throughout the district to create a list of priorities for spending the funds they raised.
- The families voted art and music as their highest priority.
- The programs were then funded by the District, the City of Mountain View, CSMA and the Educational Foundation.
- This unique partnership has allowed CSMA to provide art and music in a sequential, skills based curriculum to every student in Mountain View Whisman from TK to grade 5 including special needs students for close to 40 years.
- Over the years the curriculum has evolved and the lessons tie to the California Visual and Performing Arts standards and link with grade level curriculum wherever possible.

Elementary Programs - Art

- Grades TK - 2
 - 12 one hour lessons every other week beginning in mid-September
- Grades 3 and 4
 - 22 one hour lessons beginning in mid-September
- Grade 5
 - 33 one hour lessons weekly for students who choose art instead of instrumental music
- Programs end in early April before state testing
- All schools have kilns

Elementary Programs - Music

- Grades TK - 2
 - 22 thirty-minute, weekly lessons beginning in mid-September
- Grades 3 and 4
 - 22 forty-five minute lessons beginning in mid-September (students learn to play the recorder)
- Grade 5
 - 33 one hour weekly lessons for students who choose to play an instrument

Elementary Programs - 5th Grade Music

- In the early 1990's MVWSD began offering instrumental music to all interested 5th grade students
- CSMA managed the distribution and repair of instruments until the 2011-12 school year, when the District took over
- Additional funding was also provided by the City of Mountain View to provide Music in Action Concerts
- The District has built an extensive inventory of instruments for student use through parent donations, district funds and the Mountain View Educational Foundation
- Currently the District inventory includes over 400 instruments
- Students not interested in instrumental music are provided a weekly art class instead

Elementary Programs - Music

The elementary instrument inventory includes:

Saxophones	Clarinets
Trumpets	Violins
Trombones	Violas
French Horns	Cellos
Flutes (regular and curved head)	



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Current Programming - Middle School



Middle School Music - Crittenden

- Guitar
- Band 1, 2, and 3
- Orchestra 1, 2, and 3
- Chorus 1 and 2
- Boys and Girls Glee club (lunch time)
- All students can elect to take Band or Orchestra 1
- Auditions or successful completion of Band or Orchestra 1 are required for Band and Orchestra 2 and/or 3

Middle School Music - Graham

- Guitar
- Advanced Guitar
- Beginning Band or Beginning Strings: Students new to playing an instrument
- 6th Grade Band: students with experience
- Orchestra: 6, 7, and 8th grade
- Symphonic Band: Usually 7th and 8th graders, but 6th graders can audition
- Wind Ensemble: students must audition to
- Chamber Strings - Students must audition

Middle School Music - Graham

- Vocal Girls Choir
- Vocal Boys Choir
- Intermediate Treble Choir (boys and girls)
- Vocal Ensemble Choir - audition required

Middle School Music - Graham

Before and after school programming:

- Before School Choir - all welcome
- Before School Jazz Band - Audition
- After school Dance Team (Fridays)
 - Technique team (2 groups)
 - Competition Dance Team

Musical Theater - Crittenden

Musical Theater

- 8th period after school class
- Students interested in singing learn about show choir
- Students who participate must be a part of the musical production

Student Production - Annie in fall 2017

- Extracurricular activity after school
- Partnership with professional production company
- The Green Room
- Parent support for sets and costumes

Musical Theater - Graham

Musical Theater

- Elective class during the school day
- Drama, acting, singing, pantomime etc.

Student Production - The Suessical spring 2018

- Extracurricular activity after school
- Run by the choir director
- Parent support for sets and costumes



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Middle School Art

Crittenden

- Art 6: 6th graders
- Art 1: 7th and 8th graders
- Each class has a ceramics unit

Graham

- Art 6
- Art 7, 8
- Advanced Art
 - Includes ceramics and photography

Middle School Video Production

Crittenden

- Computer Media elective
 - Create and edit film projects
 - Film and edit the morning announcements

Graham

- Video Production and Multimedia elective
 - Create and edit film projects
- GMS TV
 - Before school, film and edit the morning announcements

Elementary Fine Arts Funding

Funding for elementary music and art is supported by and the Mountain View Educational Foundation (MVEF), MVWSD, the City of Mountain View, grants through the California Arts Council and other funding groups, and parent donations:

- MVEF
 - Art - \$158,745
 - Music - \$192,803
- MVWSD
 - 5th Grade Instrument maintenance - approximately \$10,000
 - Amount varies depending on need to purchase instruments
- City of Mountain View and grants
 - Art - \$52,915
 - Music - \$64,268
- Parent Donations
 - \$573.00 - For the 2017-18 5th grade instrumental program

Middle School Fine Arts Funding

Funding for middle school fine arts programs is supported by and the Mountain View Educational Foundation (MVEF), MVWSD, and parent donations:

- MVEF
 - Afterschool enrichment and electives \$50,000 per site
- MVWSD (parcel tax)
 - Music Teachers \$506,971 (6 teachers)
 - Art teachers \$184,481 (two teachers)
- Parent Donations
 - Crittenden Music Boosters Club
 - Graham Performing Arts Association (GPAA)



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Things to Consider

MVWSD Fine Arts

MVWSD is grateful for our partnership with the Community School of Music and Art and with the generous support of MVEF and parents for our elementary and middle school Fine Arts programs

- Art and music programs are dependent on the support from MVEF and the MVWSD
- The Instrumental music programs at the elementary and middle schools are growing
 - Need to purchase additional instruments
 - More costs associated with managing inventory
 - District will be adding funding for middle school programs

MVWSD Fine Arts

- CSMA provides instructors for both elementary art and music
 - Instructors are not credentialed and MVWSD teachers support during instruction
- New middle school schedule may provide additional opportunities to expand programming
 - Electives are dependent on teacher credentials and the master schedule
 - The average cost of a teacher is \$100,000



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Next Steps

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- Add funding to middle schools to support expanding instrumental music program
- Review alignment of our programs with the new California Visual and Performing Arts Framework and Standards (2019)
- Look at options to expand opportunities with new middle school schedule