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**Arts, Music, and
Instructional
Materials Block
Grant**

**NEW Academy
Charter Schools
2024-2026**



Background

- AB 181 established the Arts, Music and Instructional Materials (AMIM) Block Grant (\$3.6 billion discretionary block grant)
 - Funds extend from 2024 to 2026
 - **NACP** was allocated: (2024-25) \$213,558 (2025-26) \$4673
 - **NASA** was allocated: (2024-25) \$239,301 (2025-26) \$5237
- May Include:** Operational costs including but not limited to STRS, social security, and employee insurance - Support increasing costs for teachers and staff retirement programs

FIVE PURPOSES

1. Must be used to obtain standards-aligned professional development and instructional materials for:
 - Visual and Performing Arts
 - World Languages
 - Mathematics
 - Science, including environmental literacy
 - English Language Arts, including early literacy
 - Ethnic Studies
 - Financial Literacy
 - Media Literacy
 - Computer Science
 - History-Social Science

FIVE PURPOSES

2. Obtaining professional development and instructional materials for improving school climate
3. Developing diverse, culturally relevant and multilingual school library book collections
4. Operational costs for a variety of programs, including retirement and health care cost increases
5. COVID-19-related costs necessary to keep pupils and staff safe for in-person instruction

Our Plans



- 1. Existing Programs will be further developed**
 - **Continue with our Arts Program (thanks to Beth Tishler) with Jan Kirsch**
 - initiative is to continue providing coaching and grade-level professional development through Jan Kirsch. She has been scheduled to work directly with our teachers in lesson planning for the STEAM curriculum in our classrooms at both schools.
- 2. Enhancing our Visual and Performing Arts**
 - **Join and utilize the California County Superintendents Statewide Arts Initiative (CCSA Initiative).**
 - One of its key purposes is to build educator capacity to implement California Arts Standards and the Arts Education Curriculum Framework.
 - **Purchase the Standards Based Flex Curriculum**
 - **Youth Orchestra Los Angeles (YOLA)**
 - Establishing a partnership with the LA Philharmonic, the program uses in-school music teachers and Teaching Artists to deliver consistent, sequential music instruction during and after school. Based on El Sistema, the system that formed the LA Philharmonic Music and Artistic Director, Gustavo Dudamel,
 - **EDLA Everybody Dance LA**
- 3. Media Literacy:**
 - Continue with Creative Creators (Film Writing and Producing)
 - Offer Students photography-In Person photo Camp/for summer skills.
 - Continue with the Student Technology Academy with the Ideal Institute.
 - Create an advanced technology course for our 5th graders.

OTHER PROGRAMS

4. Ethnic Studies incorporates:

- Culturally relevant, social justice, community responsive and other pedagogical approaches with a focus on literacy and critical thinking skills.
- Has introduced teachers and children to Aztec Dancers Aztec dance, history, calendar, music, Danza de los Tecuanes (jaguar dance and mask making from Puebla and Oaxaca), Mayan Quitapenas dolls from Guatemala- storytelling and making Waxarika (Huichol) god's eye symbolism
- Native American corn husk dolls

5. STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Mathematics):

- Celebra La Ciencia,
- Math Coach
- Invest in STEAM curriculum and materials,
- Participate: HAF Conservation Projects

6. World Languages:

- Continue with CEEL(Center for Equity and English Learners):Dual Immersion Program, professional development and teacher coaching
- Dialogical Reading-Family Involvement and Coaching, STEAM language



Preliminary Budget

Focus Area	Description	Projected Cost (Estimates)
Existing Programs	Jan Kirsch	\$40,000
Visual and Performing Arts	Flex Curriculum, YOLA, Everybody Dance	\$20,000
Media Literacy	Creative Creators, Photography Camp, Advanced Student Tech Academy	\$20,000
Ethnic Studies	Culturally Relevant, Community responsive Professional Development and Student Activities	\$20,000
STEAM	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Celebra La Ciencia,• Math Coach• STEAM curriculum and materials,• HAF Conservation Projects	\$20,000
World Lanugages	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Continue with CEEL:, Dual Immersion Program, professional development and teacher coaching• Dialogical Reading-Family Involvement and Coaching, STEAM language and literacy	\$20,000



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