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## Free workshop to explore use of funding to support art in schools



School personnel are invited to a workshop on January 27 to discuss strategies and best practices for implementing high quality, standards-based arts instruction using federal, state, and local funding.

The Funding the Arts workshop is ideal for district and site administrators, state and federal program coordinators, curriculum and instruction coordinators, and art instructional leaders.

Attendees will explore potential program requirements and allowable expenditures to support arts and music instruction under the recently-passed Proposition 28. They will also gain an understanding of how LCFF, Title I-IV, ELO-P, and other funding sources can be used to support arts education. Additionally, attendees will build their knowledge of why and how arts education meets the eight state LCAP Priorities and obtain arts-related LCAP resources.

Funding the Arts is scheduled for Friday, January 27 from 9:00 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. at TCOE's Doe Avenue Complex in Visalia. The workshop is free with registration available at [tulare.k12oms.org/147-229122](https://tulare.k12oms.org/147-229122).

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## School Health Programs to host drug impairment training in April



School administrators and community educational partners, credentialed school nurses, and other school personnel who have regular interaction with students are invited to enroll in School Health Programs' Drug Impairment Training for Educational Professionals (DITEP). The full-day trainings will be held April 17 and 18.

The purpose of the training is to provide attendees with a systematic approach to recognize and evaluate individuals in academic environments who are abusing and/or may be impaired by drugs, both legal and illegal.

The first day of training will provide an overview of drugs in society, policies, procedures, and roles. The first day will also offer an overview of alcohol and drug identification and effects, and provide attendees guidance in contacting parents.

Day 2 is optional, but in order to attend it, participants must complete the Day 1 training. The second day of training will provide participants with tools and procedures to evaluate a student's impairment.

The DITEP training, scheduled for April 17 and 18 from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m., will be held at TCOE's Doe Avenue Complex. Register by April 11 at [tulare.k12oms.org/147-229622](https://tulare.k12oms.org/147-229622).

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## Around the County

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### Columbine named a 2023 California Distinguished School

State Superintendent of Public Instruction Tony Thurmond announced last week that more than 350 elementary schools have been selected for the prestigious 2023 California Distinguished Schools Program. The awards program is celebrating its return this year after the COVID-19 pandemic temporarily suspended reporting of state and local student data.

Columbine School in Delano was Tulare County's lone 2023 California Distinguished School Award winner.

"I want to thank the Columbine staff for their hard work, love of students, and terrific cooperation," said Columbine School Superintendent Timothy Jones. "Columbine truly is a wonderful place to work. A special thanks goes out to our school board who provides excellent support to the Columbine School District. Last but far from least – recognition goes to our students, parents, and community supporters who help make Columbine one big happy family. Way to go Cougars!"

Since its inception in 1985, the California Distinguished Schools Award remains one of the important ways to celebrate exceptional schools, districts, teachers, and classified employees for their innovation, talent, and success in supporting students.

For more information on the 2023 California Distinguished Schools Program and a complete list of the 2023 award winners, visit [www.cde.ca.gov/nr/ne/yr23/yr23rel01.asp](http://www.cde.ca.gov/nr/ne/yr23/yr23rel01.asp).



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