



Arts Education Advocacy

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Arts education has been disappearing from California's schools for the past thirty years. Currently, only 11% of public schools meet the state goal for arts instruction. The group [Arts Education Advocates](#) believes education will prepare our students for the expectations of the twenty-first century workforce, which requires innovation, communication and collaboration. One in six Southern California jobs are now in creative industries; including entertainment and communication arts, digital design, or product and industrial design. Arts Education Advocates is dedicated to getting the arts back into the classrooms to prepare children for the future. Host Fred Munroe talks with Jenna Hartzell, Executive Director with [ARTS Obispo](#), SLO County's Arts Council, Sasha Irving, Programs Director with [Studios on the Park](#) in Paso Robles, and Ellalina Emrich Keller, Principal of Georgia Brown Elementary School in Paso Robles about the importance of arts education and the efforts of this local alliance. Central Coast Voices is sponsored by [ACTION for Healthy Communities](#) in collaboration with KCBX.