

**ELK GROVE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
ELK GROVE, CALIFORNIA**

RESOLUTION NO. 53, 2025-2026

ESTABLISHMENT OF ARTS EDUCATION MONTH

WHEREAS, arts education, which includes dance, media arts, music, theater, and the visual arts, is a vital part of basic education, providing a balanced education for all students; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Elk Grove Unified School District joins the state of California in recognizing arts education as an essential part of basic education for all students, PreK through grade 12; and

WHEREAS, arts education is a key to re-igniting students' learning; ensuring that students have access to high-quality arts education that is culturally relevant and inclusive in all forms as part of a comprehensive education that sparks curiosity, imagination, creativity, and joy; and

WHEREAS, through standards-based instruction and experiences in the arts, children develop initiative, self-expression, critical- and creative-thinking skills, and perceptual abilities that extend to all careers and areas of life; and

WHEREAS, experience in the arts develops insights and abilities central to the experience of life and is collectively one of the most important repositories of culture; and

WHEREAS, arts education helps nurture healthy, inclusive communities where all points of view are respected and helps students understand their cultural roots and appreciate others' cultural roots and traditions; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Elk Grove Unified School District concurs with the arts education policy of the California Board of Education which states that each student should receive a high-quality, comprehensive arts education; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Elk Grove Unified School District, the month of March 2026 is designated as Arts Education Month, and that all educational sites are encouraged to celebrate the arts with meaningful student activities and programs that demonstrate learning and understanding in the visual and performing arts.

Date

DAVID E. REILLY, SUPERINTENDENT and
SECRETARY to the GOVERNING BOARD of
ELK GROVE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT