The latest *Quality Counts* report from Education Week ranks California 47th overall in how much it spends per student.
California’s graduation rate is 6 percent lower than national average.

A 50% drop out rate is common in many LAUSD schools.

Swanson 2009, Balfanz 2010

HIGH SCHOOL DROP OUT

37%

Editorial Projects and Education Research Center
California Falls Short in Goals for Arts Education in Schools

- 11% Provide all 4
- 89% Less than 4 (theater, dance, music, visual arts)

Ensure each student reaches his or her full potential by broadening California’s educational vision, policy, and practices to promote innovation, economic development, and creativity.
CREATE
core reforms engaging arts to educate
Expansion of high school graduation requirements in arts subjects.

Support for broad-based inclusion of arts and creative education in pre-service teacher preparation programs.

Ensuring the arts and creative education are properly included in the anticipated updates and revisions to California’s school assessment system.

Embedding of the arts with the Common Core State Standards (new design work underway with support from Hewlett Foundation).

Strengthening the arts connections to Career Technical Education and Linked Learning/Multiple Pathways.

Evaluation of possible ballot measures to raise education funding, including funds for arts education.

Support for teacher and administrator continuing education program in arts education.

Establishment of Dance and Theater teaching credentials (in addition to the current Visual Art and Music credentials).

Expanded engagement of parents and business leaders in advocacy for arts education and creative schools.
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