



# Amplifying the Arts

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## WELCOME BACK TO A NEW SCHOOL YEAR!

We are excited about what the 2025–2026 school year brings to Riverside County. We would like to share several new items on our website.

### Strategic Arts Plan

The first is the new Strategic Arts Plan which will take us from 2025 through 2030. Written by a dedicated team of artists, artists-in-residence, arts leaders, arts partners, teachers, and administrators, it will serve as our guiding light as we continue to support the visual and performing arts throughout the county. If you'd like to view or print it out, you can find it here:



### Art Therapy Lessons

We have also created an Art Therapy lesson booklet for free download and use. These lessons are suitable for a wide range of ages and use inexpensive and easily accessible materials. The goal of these lessons is to de-stress and center the participant as they engage in the healing process of creating. We hope that you will check them out and enjoy using them:



### Art Lesson Slide Decks

Finally, we have made available a series of slide decks from art lessons taught by Louisa Higgins, either for conferences or at Riverside County Office of Education (RCOE) events. These are very short and easy to use. You may find them helpful as an opening activity or icebreaker for your meetings or as a classroom tool to support your teaching of an art lesson. Feel free to share photos of finished projects!



*Thank you for recognizing and using the arts in education!*