



Out of the top 10 L.A. public schools who closed the achievement gap between low-income and more advantaged students, 9 were public charter schools.

— L.A. School Report, March 22, 2016, "L.A. Charters Leading the Way in Closing Achievement Gap"

Of the TOP 50 high schools in the United States, based on college readiness (% of students who scored a 4 or 5 on AP exams), 9 are California Charter schools and 100% of those have high levels of arts programs.

— U.S. News and World Report, May 11, 2015

1 in 3 of the nation's top 100 schools (private and public) is a public charter school.

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Low\$ Demographic with "Arts-Rich" Education = 3x more likely to earn a B.A.

Low \$ Demographic with "Arts-Poor" Education = 5x more likely to drop out of high-school

— Source: Arts Education in Public and Secondary Schools, US Department of Education, 2012.



Source: 2005 College-Bound Seniors: Total Group Profile Report, The College Board, 2005, Table 3-3; SAT Scores of Students Who Study the Arts: What We Can and Cannot Conclude about the Association, Kathryn Vaughn and Ellen Winner (Fall 2000).

ABOUT THE JOSHUA TREE ARTS & TECHNOLOGY ACADEMY

For those students who desire to excel in the arts or in an art-related vocation that leads to high-paying, in demand employment choices, there is no local public school available to meet their needs. For students who desire to attend a post-secondary 4-year college and seek an independent study option but who desire an education with significant arts integration that meets or exceeds the California Visual & Performing Arts Standards, there is no local public school choice currently available to meet their needs.

- 🏠 Free, locally-governed, public school that operates under California's stringent Education Code for Charter Schools
- 🏠 A public benefit non-profit company (No large out-of-state or for-profit corporation operating the school)
- 🏠 Complies with California and Federal non-profit regulations, the Public Records Act, Ralph M. Brown Act, Every Student Succeeds Act, Family Educational Rights & Privacy Act, etc.
- 🏠 Under the oversight of Morongo Unified School District
- 🏠 Online independent study core curriculum meeting Common Core State Standards
- 🏠 Onsite tutoring & weekly one-on-one, in-person teacher guidance
- 🏠 Closely monitored progress in each subject
- 🏠 Proctored exams
- 🏠 On-site vocational & art classes
- 🏠 Core subject art-integrated group enrichment classes
- 🏠 Intake assessment to determine appropriate core subject placement
- 🏠 AP and A-G course offerings, from "Day One"
- 🏠 Grades 9-12 WASC accredited and college prep counseling, from "Day One"
- 🏠 Curriculum for Special Education & English Learners
- 🏠 Monitored computer lab all day
- 🏠 After-school supplemental group arts enrichment classes
- 🏠 PETITIONERS: Jarrod Radnich, Steve Gilliam, Nelms McKelvain Doris Lawless & Jim Lawless —
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