

Liberty School

Learning in a Whole New Way



Arts District Liberty Station's Arts Education Program for Underserved Youth

Liberty School, founded by the Arts District Liberty Station in 2007, aims to support and inspire local school-aged children who face socio-economic challenges and who may be at risk for academic success. By providing access to arts education, Liberty School offers these underserved students an opportunity to engage with various art forms, helping them process their emotions, develop critical thinking skills, and enhance their ability to learn.

Arts education has been shown to have a positive impact on students, offering a creative outlet for self-expression and fostering important skills such as problem-solving, collaboration, and communication. By exposing underserved children to the arts, Liberty School not only enriches their educational experiences but also opens up new avenues for personal and academic growth.

Art professionals, who partner with Liberty School, provide a range of artistic activities, including visual arts, music, theater, dance, and more. These activities can help students discover and explore their creative abilities, boost their confidence, and develop a lifelong appreciation for the arts.

By focusing on students who may be at risk, Liberty School plays a vital role in addressing educational inequalities and nurturing the potential of underserved youth. By providing access to arts education, Liberty School helps to level the playing field and give these students the tools they need to succeed not only academically, but contributes to their holistic development and paves the way for a brighter future.

Who are Liberty School students?

Liberty School programming brings grade 1 – grade 5 students, ranging from ages 6 – 11, from local Title 1 San Diego schools to Liberty Station, to experience the extraordinary Arts District Liberty Station. Students engage in a multi-week session of California Standards-based instruction embedding in the Arts. Youths take classes from in-resident teaching artists in the fields of photography, dance, art, music, improv, martial arts, writing, quilting, and more, at no charge to students or their schools. Students work directly with professional artists to experience art-making that fosters creativity and imagination. The program uses the Arts to help students learn in new and creative ways; promote a positive attitude toward learning; increase self-esteem; interact and collaborate with others; and encourage exploration of new possibilities for the future.

School Partners

Cabrillo Elementary School- Point Loma Dewey Elementary School – Point Loma Washington Elementary School- Little Italy

2025 Tenant Partners

Apt 4 Music <u>Cygnet Theatre</u> Filipino Kali Academy <u>Hawaii Fluid Art</u> <u>Helena Westra (Emerging Visual Artist)</u> <u>LPA Design Studios</u> <u>Monart School of Art</u> Nikusha Beatty Art Studio San Diego Craft Collective San Diego Ballet San Diego Writers, Ink Seaside Arts Center Songbirds Music The Rosin Box Project Visions Museum of Textile Art