

Policy Chart: Youth and Education

Equity Goal:

Expand opportunities and improve educational outcomes for low-income youth and youth of color

Equity Policy

Arts and Culture Strategies

Eliminate educational outcome disparities among youth of color

- Provide culturally relevant arts and culture programs and curricula to underserved communities.
- Create culturally relevant electives that instill pride and self-esteem.
- Engage youth in neighborhood planning and design processes through relevant school curricula.

Build capacity and increase economic opportunities to underserved youth of color

- Develop school internships and summer workforce programs in cultural arts industries targeting disadvantaged and disconnected youth in high-unemployment communities.
- Anchor youth arts and culture organizations in economic development efforts.
- Provide youth leadership training and incorporate media and other creative skill-building.
- Hire high school students as cultural center hosts.

Create sustained funding for cultural education

- Allocate earmarked funding for disadvantaged youth to culturally relevant programming.
- Create flexible funding guidelines that allow for innovation through cultural and artistic approaches.
- Strengthen Community Development Block Grant uses for instrumental effects of arts and culture.
- Apply federal funds, such as the Alaska Native Education Equities Act, Every Student Succeeds Act, Workforce Investment Opportunity Act, Promise Neighborhoods, and Community Development Block Grants, to youth in low-income, high-