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PASO ROBLES YOUTH ARTS

Session 1, 2026 Online Orientation





ABOUT PASO ROBLES YOUTH ARTS

We are a 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization founded in 1998 by local philanthropist, Donna Berg.

Designed to eliminate barriers to the arts and to be available to all youth, regardless of socioeconomic status.

We offer low cost classes in Art, Dance, Music, Theatre and Culinary Arts (Fall of 2025)

Organization Core Values



MISSION: Enriching Lives through the Arts

Core Values - Defined

FUN - Paso Robles Youth Arts values fun and infuses our classes with experiences that bring students joy and evokes passion for the arts.

BELONGING - Paso Robles Youth Arts fosters a sense of belonging amongst students and families exhibited by caring, kindness, and love.

COMMUNITY - Paso Robles Youth Arts strengthens our community by providing accessible visual/performing art enrichment and empowering students with diverse learning experiences.

GROWTH - Paso Robles Youth Arts promotes growth of the whole child through creative exploration and perseverance amidst challenges.

SAFETY - Paso Robles Youth Arts prioritizes the safety and security of our students with established procedures and policies implemented to maximize protection from potential threats.

Attendance & Expectations

Shall we call this the most important section? Definitely!

We want to provide the best experience to your student! To do so, we have a bit of housekeeping to discuss.

- When dropping off students, parents are not required to enter the building but they do need to make sure their children enter the lobby safely.
- 5 minutes before class, students are greeted by their instructor who will guide them to their classroom.
- After class, the instructor will walk students back to the lobby to ensure safe pickup or navigation to their next class.
- If a student misses the 1st day of class without notifying the office, they will be dropped to make room for a student off the waitlist. (If there is not a waitlist, this does not apply).
- If a student is sick they must be kept home. Let our office know and the student will be excused from class.
- Please inform our office if your student requires any accommodations due to a physical or developmental disability and we'll do our best to work with you and your care team.

Attendance & Expectations (cont.)

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We want to provide the best experience to your student! To do so, we have a bit of housekeeping to discuss.

- Young students must inform their teacher they're going to the restroom and should not make any detours on their way to and from the restroom.
- Parents are expected to be responsible for timely picking up and dropping off their children. Please use our back parking lot or pull into a spot, do not stop in the middle of the street.
- Students are expected to follow our rules such as no food or drink (besides water) in the classrooms and no offensive and/or inappropriate clothing.
- Parents are invited to watch 30 minutes of the first day of class to meet the teacher and get a feel for the class. They're also invited to watch the last day of class to see what their children have learned throughout the session. Other than that, we ask that parents remain outside the classrooms.

PRYA Dress Code Policy

The responsibility for the dress and grooming of a student rests primarily with the student and his or her parents or guardians.

Allowable Dress & Grooming

- Students must wear clothing including both a shirt with pants or skirt, or the equivalent and shoes
- Shirts and dresses must have fabric in the front and on the sides.
- Clothing must cover undergarments, waistbands and bra straps excluded.
- Fabric covering all private parts must not be seen through.
- Hats and other headwear must allow the face to be visible and not interfere with the line of sight to any student or staff. Hoodies must allow the student face and ears to be visible to staff.

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Dress Code Policy (cont.)

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Allowable Dress & Grooming (cont.)

- Clothing must be suitable for all scheduled classroom activities including art studio instruction, culinary arts instruction, dance studio instruction, theater and stage instruction and productions, and other activities where unique hazards exist.
- Specialized courses may also require specialized attire, grooming practices, and safety measures, such as: Wearing closed toed sneakers, ballet shoes, and leotards for dance, wearing closed toed shoes and costumes in theater classes, keeping nails clipped short for band and piano classes, wearing closed toed shoes and appropriate safety gear for art studio classes, and wearing closed toed shoes, having long hair tied back, and washing hands before attending and after handling food in culinary arts classes.

PRYA Dress Code Policy (cont.)

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Non-Allowable Dress & Grooming

- Clothing may not depict, advertise, or advocate the use of alcohol, tobacco, marijuana or other controlled substances.
- Clothing may not depict pornography, nudity, or sexual acts.
- Clothing may not use or depict hate speech targeting groups based on race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, religious affiliation, or any other protected groups.
- Clothing, including gang identifiers, must not threaten the health or safety of any other student or staff.

If the student's attire or grooming threatens the health or safety of any other person the student will be asked to remove the attire (if appropriate). If the student does not or cannot comply, they will be removed from class and their parent or guardian will be contacted to provide appropriate attire for them to change into. If appropriate attire cannot be provided or if the student is not willing to change into appropriate attire, they will be sent home.

Most Importantly, Communication (and attendance) Is KEY!

As a PRYA parent, it is your responsibility to let us know when your student will be missing class. 2 unexcused absences or 4 excused absences will result in removal from the class. Unexcused absences are counted when the student's absence has not been reported to our office or did not meet the requirements. Family emergencies, transportation issues, mandatory school events, and illness all count as excusable absences.

If a student is unable to continue a class, please let our office know immediately so we can remove them. We have many eager students on our waitlists and each class seat is a gift to local youth!

We're easy to get in contact with!

Email us at hello@pryoutharts.org or give us a call or text at (805) 238-5825!

Student Safety is Our Priority

MANDATED REPORTER POLICY

All employees of the Paso Robles Youth Arts are mandated reporters in the State of California and complete training that satisfies the requirements of AB 1432. Mandated reporters are legally obligated to report any suspicion of child abuse. To protect the child's safety and home environment, PRYA staff will not inform parents/legal guardians prior to filing a report. This policy aims to protect youth and ensure that the organization is upholding its legal duties as a child care provider.

STAFF SCREENING

All employees of the Paso Robles Youth Arts Center must complete a multi-step background check as part of a routine screening and hiring process. This process is highly necessary and ensures an individual's overall suitability for the Youth Arts mission. The Youth Arts ensures all background checks are held in compliance with federal and state statutes. Information gathered during the background check process allows the Youth Arts to fully detect possible impact on students or faculty members.

END OF SESSION STUDENT SURVEY

HOW WE SURVEY OUR STUDENTS

During the final week of the session our staff administers the quick survey on our iPads. There are two surveys, one for our younger students and another for the older. This way questions are age appropriate and easily understood by students.

WHY WE SURVEY OUR STUDENTS

Our completely anonymous survey results help us gather information on our program satisfaction levels and areas in which we can improve. These results also provide us with data to apply for specific grants that aid in funding our free after-school program.

YOUR OPTIONS

Though our survey is extremely beneficial we want to stress that it is optional.

- Students may take the survey to the best of their abilities.
- Students may take the survey and elect to skip specific questions if they so choose.
- Students and/or parents may opt-out of the survey in its entirety by contacting the main office.

EXAMPLE SURVEY

Younger Students (ages 5-11).

Older Students (ages 12-18).

How Can You Help Support Us?

As a non-profit organization, the PRYA is funded entirely by private donations and grants.

Our generous community has kept us going for over 25 strong years!

Here are some easy ways to give back!

DONATE: Your gift will be used wisely, and YOU can be proud to share the wondrous possibilities that an arts education offers. All donations are 100% tax-deductible! [Click Here.](#)

VOLUNTEER: Contact us to learn more!

- Classroom
- Events

SPONSOR A CLASS: Contact us to learn more!

- Sustainable Funding Model
- Advertising Opportunities
- Show your Support for Community Youth!
- \$1,000 per 8-week class

You are almost
done!

Thank you for taking the time to review our
information.

Click the link below to complete your orientation!

- [Session 1 Orientation
Confirmation](#)

**“If you can give
your child only one
gift, let it be the
arts.”**

-Donna Berg, Founder

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