

Arts and Academics: What's the Relationship?

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The Journey: From Faye Ross Middle School to RACMA

- ◆ Faye Ross Middle School, opened in 1949
- ◆ Ross Middle School, 1999
- ◆ Ross Academy of Creative and Media Arts, 2005

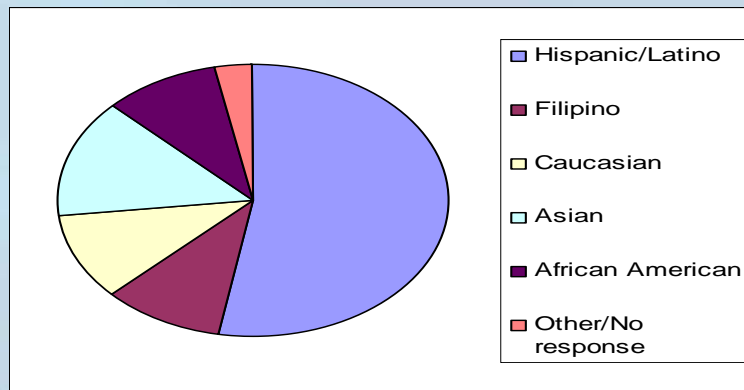
The Vision

- ◆ Parents, teachers and students work together
- ◆ Value respect, school pride and the desire to learn
- ◆ Comprehensive curriculum infused with the arts, media and technology
- ◆ Students explore their creative talents

The School Community

- ◆ 700 7th and 8th grade students
- ◆ Traditional year calendar
- ◆ Most diverse city in CA: Artesia
- ◆ 28 Teachers, 1 Principal, 1 Asst. Principal, 1 Guidance Counselor

Ross Students



Student Achievement Data: Academic Performance Index (API)*

	RACMA	ABC USD
2004	695	753
2005	726	763
2006	740	776
2007	726	784
2008	745	795
2009	782	812

Awards and Recognitions

- ◆ Magnet School of Distinction, 2006
- ◆ Exemplary School of the Arts, Los Angeles Music Center, 2007
- ◆ Title I Academic Achievement Award, 2007
- ◆ California Distinguished School, 2007

The Challenges

- ◆ What about the academics?
- ◆ Staffing
- ◆ Sustaining funding
- ◆ Master Scheduling

The Present

- ◆ Living History Day, 2010
- ◆ Instrumental Music
- ◆ Computer Education
- ◆ Video/Broadcast Studio
- ◆ The Ross Middle School Foundation

Creative Talents



The Talent Show



Living History Day

