

# Fine Arts Dept. Budget

By Kevin Kruthers

Documents containing specific budget expenditure information of the Fine Arts Department here at Antioch Community High School could not be obtained for this story. These documents exist as a matter of public record, yet were not directly given when requested. Sources have acted within the confines of what they feel is safe and appropriate conduct regarding these documents being requested by a student, which meant preferring not to release them.

However sensible this may be, there was an apparent protectiveness, and perhaps tension, involving the topic of budgets.

"The budget is not a question of figures. You must consider with the budget, what it is you need in each area to carry out the curriculum for that area, then you must prioritize," said Cheryl Cox, head of the Fine Arts and Foreign Language Departments. "You need to ask, 'Are the needs of the students and the curriculum being met?'"

The ACHS Fine Arts Department consists of the vocal music, instrumental music, drama, and visual arts departments.

These departments received a combined total of \$121,079 in funding this year from the school budget.

The sum is broken down as follows: \$21,657 for Visual Arts, \$39,216 for Vocal Music, \$51,020 for Instrumental Music, and \$9,186 dollars for Drama.

These departments account for over 20 of the courses offered here at ACHS, and provide ample extra-curricular activities for the students as well.

Some information was obtained regarding how the funding is spent in the drama department. \$3000 goes toward the cost of each production performed by the drama students, and some money is spent on the classroom and trips.

"However, I do not agree with the fees," said Michael Shehorn, ACHS drama instructor. He feels a public school can reduce the fees.

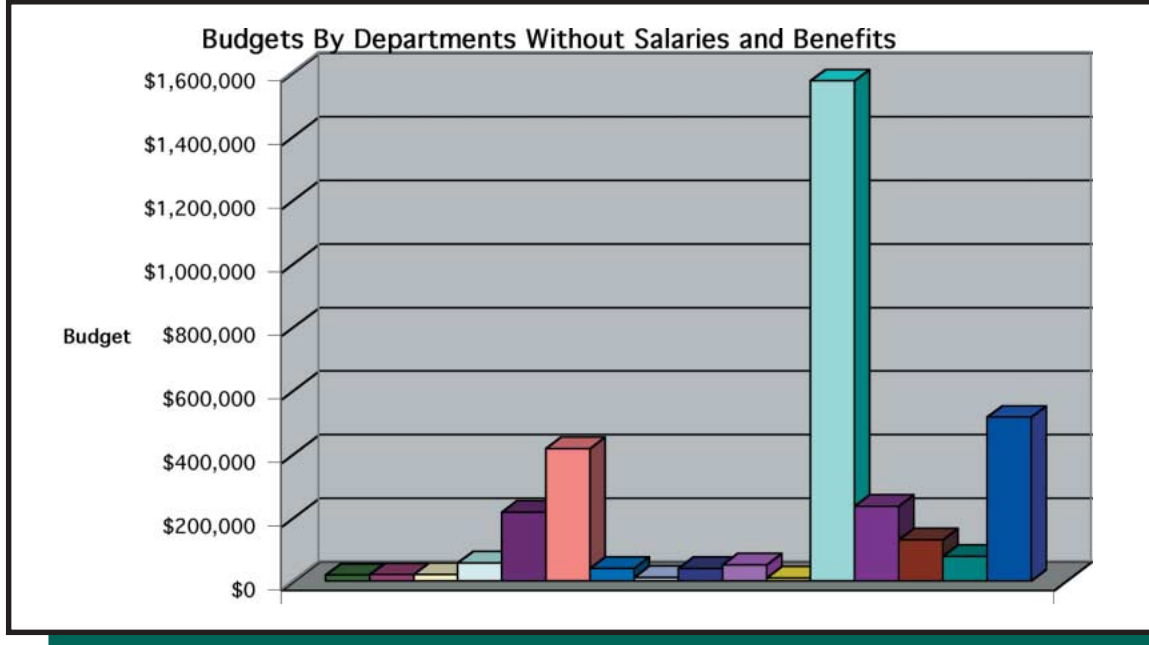
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head of the Fine Arts and Foreign Language departments*

English	\$18,217
Math	\$19,675
Foreign Language	\$21,119
Science	\$56,474
Visual Arts	\$21,657
Applied Technology	\$416,156
Health, Drivers Ed., P.E.	\$39,007
Social Studies	\$11,539
Vocal Music	\$39,216
Instrumental Music	\$51,020
Drama	\$9,186
Special Education	\$1,572,260
Athletics	\$234,508
Guidance	\$129,762
Media / AV Services	\$77,663
Technology	\$514,852

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# Special Education Dept. Budget

By Craig Maniscalco

Upon looking at the 2001-2002 budget for each department of Antioch Community High School, one might notice the 1,572,260 dollars budgeted to the Special Education department. This may appear to be a lot of a money next to the \$9,186 for drama, but there is an explanation.

According to the National Institutes of Health, 15-20% of the US population have some form of learning disability. Learning disabilities impair a person's ability to store, process, and/or produce information.

According to Clarence Williams, director of the Special Education Department, of the approximate 2,000 students registered at ACHS, roughly 300 have some sort of special education need.

79 students of which students attended facilities outside of District 117, and roughly 230 of them are educated within ACHS.

Someone who is involved in

SEDOL (Special Education District of Lake County) may be registered at one school and go to another. Every high school in the area is required to house some SEDOL programs.

Approximately 100 classrooms are located within SEDOL's 37 member districts.

Any one of the 79 students of which students attended facilities outside of District 117, each one accounts for 15,000-35,000 dollars of the budget.

The money budgeted to Special Education will be used as payment to SEDOL, the more than 10 facilities outside of Dist. 117 which facilitate the education of people with special needs, and many others recipients. SEDOL's annual budget is 28 million dollars.

"We may have a student in our district who goes to Grant," said Williams.

Gateway and Allendale are two local programs which help those with special needs. However the money that is paid to these programs by the high school is

reimbursed one way or another so they are not included in the \$1,572,260.

The Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) is charged with the responsibility of conducting programs and projects dealing with the free public education of all people with disabilities through age 21.

Most of Special Educations' funds are given out by OSEP's Monitoring and State Improvement Programs division, who give out grants to states to help them provide free education.

Some of the programs Special Education facilitates outside of Dist. 117 are Cyd Lash Academy, Laremont School, Merryville Academy, and Connections Day School.

Cyd Lash Academy provides an alternative high school setting for severe behavior disordered and emotionally disturbed adolescents.

Laremont School provides assistance for moderate to profound mental impairment and/or multiple disabilities.

# Athletic Dept. Budget

By Michael Cohen

Both students and parents have speculated over what the athletic fees they pay towards the athletic department go towards. The head of the athletic department at Antioch Community High School, Steve Schoenfelder, was very willing to hand over the budget and answer any questions.

The athletic department plans to spend \$234,508 this year. The department receives money from the school board through the general budget, the students that participate in sports through athletic fees, and through donations from the community.

The lion's share of the budget is planned to go to "athletic buses" which is planned to cost the athletic department

\$70,000 alone. Not only must the athletic department pay for buses to competitions, but also buses that transfer athletes to Polley Field.

The next highest expenditure is "contractual services," which will pay for referees and officials and all the home competitions and contests. Just over \$38,000 has been earmarked for this expense alone.

Next, \$31,708 has been set aside for "athletic fees and awards." This money will go towards tournament entry fees, which total around \$13,000. Letters, pins, numbers, and certificates will cost the department close to \$8,000. The rest of the money will go towards entrance fees to the North Suburban Conference Leadership Conference, Athletic Director meetings, and award nights.

Exactly \$24,500 has been put towards "athletic supplies." Money under this heading will go towards purchasing equipment like pads,

helmets, goal posts, and balls. However, this money does not go towards reconditioning equipment, which \$13,500 will handle.

The athletic department devised a five-year plan regarding uniforms. This year, \$21,500 was set aside to purchase new uniforms or warm-ups. Once every five years a team will receive new uniforms and the old one will be handed down to the junior varsity teams. Next year, the basketball teams, both men and women's will receive new home uniforms.

All in all, the athletic department budget is cut and dry. Mr. Schoenfelder thinks that he is working with enough money, but that it is still difficult to sit down and decide what money goes towards each expense.

