



# IDYLLWILD ARTS ACADEMY

Idyllwild, CA

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**INTERIM HEAD OF SCHOOL**  
Start Date: Summer 2022  
[idyllwildarts.org](http://idyllwildarts.org)



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## Mission

*Changing lives through the transformative power of art.*

## At a Glance

Founded: Summer Program: 1946

Academy: 1986

Total students: 280

Students of color: 51%

Total faculty: 90

Faculty of color: 24 (27%)

Student/teacher ratio: 5:1

Financial aid budget: 7 million

Students receiving aid: 65%

Endowment: \$8.6 million

## THE SCHOOL

Idyllwild Arts Academy, in Idyllwild, CA, announces the search for Interim Head of School, starting summer 2022. Idyllwild Arts is the country's premier and internationally-acclaimed residential arts high school for grades 9-12. The Academy provides pre-professional training in the arts and a comprehensive college preparatory curriculum to a diverse student body of gifted young artists. Idyllwild is the first independent boarding high school for the arts in the western United States.

Idyllwild Arts Academy's 300 students hail from more than 30 countries and pursue artistic excellence in Music, Theatre, Dance, Visual Art, Creative Writing, Film & Digital Media, InterArts, and Fashion Design. Graduates of Idyllwild Arts Academy currently excel in every professional field of the arts including Broadway theatre, primetime television, classical and jazz music, motion pictures, graphic design, photography, and more.

Idyllwild Arts was founded as a respite for creators to come together from around the world. The vision of the founders was that this creative collective would promote intercultural understanding and peace while re-envisioning the artist's responsibility to society.

Idyllwild Arts has always believed that art is the greatest teacher of humanity. It continues to believe that the practice of creativity hones a person's desire and ability to effect global change. Therefore, it strives to embolden and cultivate artists as citizens who attain the height of individuality in partnership, as interdisciplinary thinkers, and as apprentices to nature who humbly take inspiration from the Cahuilla people on whose land the Idyllwild Arts community dwells.

Located at an elevation of over 5,000 feet on the western slopes of Southern California's San Jacinto Mountains, the village of Idyllwild is renowned for its cultural and arts environment, as well as its stunning natural beauty. Idyllwild offers a peaceful and remote setting from urban distractions, although it is located just 2 hours by car from Los Angeles or San Diego and one hour from Palm Springs. The Idyllwild Arts campus is located only 2 miles from the center of town.

## DESIRED QUALITIES AND QUALIFICATIONS

The Interim Head of School will oversee the day-to-day operations of the academy, including but limited to the academics, arts, and residential life. With a unique leadership model in place, the Interim Head of School will report to and work closely with Pamela Jordan, the President of the Idyllwild Arts Foundation. The Interim Head of School will be the internal presence at the academy while Pamela's focus remains mostly externally facing.

The Interim Head of School will:

- Demonstrate significant leadership experience in a school setting
- Be an excellent communicator, able to connect with all constituents, including students, teachers, and parents
- Demonstrate leadership experience in Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging
- Be a collaborative community builder who appreciates the unique environment at Idyllwild
- Oversee all facets of the internally-facing day-to-day operations of the academy.

## TO APPLY

Interested and qualified candidates are invited to contact the consultants in confidence. Candidates will ultimately need to submit the following materials as separate PDF documents:

- A cover letter expressing their interest in this particular position;
- A current résumé;
- A list of five professional references with name, relationship, phone number, and email address of each (references will not be contacted without the candidate's permission) to:

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