

School of the Arts Application & Audition Process FAQs

1. How do I apply to the School of the Arts?

You will need to fill out an application by going to the Charleston County School District School Choice page. Click [here](#) to go directly to that page. You have the option to audition for two art areas, but this is not required. You will need to have a current report card at the time you are filling out the online application. Once you submit this online application, you will be prompted to then schedule your audition(s).

2. What art areas are offered at School of the Arts?

We have 8 art areas for middle school and 9 art areas for high school.

Middle School Art Areas

- Instrumental Band
- Creative Writing
- Dance
- Piano
- String Orchestra
- Theater
- Visual Art
- Vocal Music

High School Art Areas

- Instrumental Band
- Creative Writing
- Costume and Fashion Design
- Dance
- Piano
- String Orchestra
- Theater
- Visual Art
- Vocal Music

3. What will happen when I come to an audition?

You will enter at the Rose Maree Myers Theater lobby to sign in and receive a name badge with your first name and a number assigned to you. You will then be escorted by a student or parent to the audition room for the art area

you are applying for. Parents/Guardians will remain in the theater lobby during the audition process.

4. Transportation/Buses?

Durham School Services provides busing for our students. Bus stops are identified at a central location usually within 5 miles of the students' home. Locations include schools, store parking lots, libraries, etc. Please click [here](#) to go to the Durham School Services site. Click on Magnet, then click on School of the Arts. CCSD will keep the bus schedule up to date for accurate information.

5. Tuition?

There is no tuition for students who reside within the Charleston County lines.

6. Residency Requirement?

Every student is required to provide proof of residency every year. The following documents are needed: a signed and notarized affidavit stating where you live and two bills. The first one would be a lease, house tax bill or mortgage statement. The second document would need to be one of the following: water bill, electric bill, cable bill, vehicle registration, pay stub, or any local, state or federal document. The bills must have parent/guardian name, address and current date at the time it is submitted. Click [here](#) to access the residency paperwork.

7. What is the goal of the art programs/majors?

The goal of the art programs/majors is to prepare students for success at the next level. High school programs are designed to prepare students for acceptance and scholarships in art majors at the post-secondary level.

8. Where do SOA's students go after graduation?

SOA's students attend colleges and universities all across the United States and in other countries. Please click [here](#) to see a list of colleges our students have attended.

9. Are scholarships awarded to the graduating class?

SOA students receive numerous scholarships each year. Our 130 to 150 graduates are offered scholarships ranging from 5 to 7 million dollars for academic, artistic, leadership and other achievements. Please click [here](#) to see a list of colleges and universities that offered scholarships to our 2019 graduating class.