



CHARLESTON COUNTY SCHOOL OF THE ARTS

Profile 2020-2021

Charleston County School of the Arts offers students rich and intensive instruction in nine art majors in a unique sixth through twelfth grade setting. Students spend one-fourth of their day with dynamic teachers in their art area. Art majors include instrumental band, creative writing, dance, piano, fashion, string orchestra, theater, visual art, and vocal music.

School of the Arts' students excel at the local, state, and national level, earning awards, scholarships, and the respect of audience members, peers, and patrons of the arts.

Students also participate in an appropriately challenging academic curriculum that includes college preparatory, honors, and Advanced Placement courses. Clubs, community service, and unique school events tailored to meet the interests of young artists provide additional opportunities for expression and involvement. We want our students to maximize their potential and then discover how their art can impact the world around them. At SOA, we believe art makes a difference!

Program of Study and Entrance Requirements

The school blends intensive artistic instruction with a strong academic program. Together, academics and artistic preparation mold students into young people who have dedication, discipline, and perseverance. Through their arts majors, the students have opportunities to broaden and enhance their educational experiences far beyond what is possible for most regular students. These young people have gained poise and self-confidence by performing before audiences and have become strong, independent and self-assured.

Students may apply for the School of the Arts and audition in a maximum of two of the nine arts areas: instrumental band, creative writing, dance, piano, fashion, string orchestra, theater, visual art, and vocal music. Students must also have a sound academic record. Once at School of the Arts, students must maintain satisfactory academic and artistic progress or they will return to their home schools.

School of the Arts implemented of the SOA Credential in 2007, which is a supplementary credential opportunity. This specialized credential recognizes the accomplishments of School of the Arts students who exceed the standard South Carolina High School Diploma requirements. The SOA Credential is endorsed by the local school board and by the South Carolina Arts Commission. Students must accomplish the following requirements in order to achieve rights to this special credential: successful completion of Senior Thesis, 3.0 overall weighted GPA, 20 hours of annual community service, and successful completion of the Honors Arts & Humanities course, Music Appreciation, or AP Art History. Students also have an opportunity to earn the SOA Credential with Distinction by having 40 hours of annual community service.

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Shannon Cook

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High School

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Middle School

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School of the Arts is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools and is approved by the South Carolina Department of Education.

South Carolina Uniform Grading Scale

South Carolina transitioned to a 10-point Grade Scale in 2016-2017. Prior year courses were evaluated on a 7-point scale. See below.

<u>2015-2016</u>	<u>2016-2017 and later</u>	<u>Letter Grade</u>
93-100	90-100	A
85-92	80-89	B
77-84	70-79	C
70-76	60-69	D
0-69	0-59	F

All courses taken are computed in determination of the grade average and rank according to the South Carolina Uniform Grading Scale.

Adding all grades for courses successfully passed, failed and retaken compute rank. In computation, Honors courses have the grades enhanced by a .5 weighting factor, and Advanced Placement and Dual Credit courses have the grades enhanced by a 1.0 weighting factor.

The rank is computed at the end of six semesters to provide information for college applications. Rank is calculated again at the end of seven semesters to determine honor graduates.

Honors Academic Courses

Algebra 2
Anatomy & Physiology
Biology 1
Calculus
Chemistry
Economics & Personal Finance
English 1-4
French 3
Geometry
Human Geography
Marine Science
Modern & World History
Physics
Pre-Calculus
Probability & Statistics
Psychology
Sociology
Spanish 3 and 4
United States History and Constitution
All Arts Major Courses are on an Honors Level.

Advanced Placement Academic Courses

Total AP Students in 2019- 2020: 385

Total AP exams in 2019-2020: 739

American Government
Art History
Biology
Calculus
Chemistry
Computer Science Principles
English Language and Composition
English Literature and Composition
Environmental Science
Human Geography
Music Theory
Physics
Psychology
Statistics
Studio Art: Drawing, 2D and 3D
United States History
World History

SAT Mean Scores for Graduating Class of 2020

Number of testers: 123 – 89%
Evidence-based Reading and Writing: 602
Math: 564
Total: 1166

ACT Average Scores for Graduating Class of 2020

English 24.6
Math 21.8
Reading 24.6
Science 22.5
Composite 23.5

School of the Arts Class of 2020

Total in Graduating Class of 2019: 137
Students Attending Four Year Universities: 83 %
Students Attending Two Year Universities: 12%

CHARLESTON COUNTY SCHOOL OF THE ARTS PREPARES STUDENTS FOR ADMISSION TO A WIDE VARIETY OF COMPETITIVE COLLEGES THROUGHOUT THE UNITED STATES AND ABROAD.

Classes of 2015 – 2019
Sample of College Acceptances

American Academy of Dramatic Arts (NYC)
American University
American University of Paris
Anderson University
Appalachian State University
Barnard University
Belmont University
Berkeley College of Music
Bethune-Cookman University
Bowie University
Catawba College
Charleston Southern University
Clarke Atlanta University
Clemson University
Coastal Carolina
Coker College
College of Charleston
Colorado Christian University
Columbia College
Columbia College Chicago
Converse College
Cosmix School of Makeup Artistry
DePaul University
Drexel University
Duke University
Elon University
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University
Emerson College
Francis Marion University
Furman University
Florence University, *Florence, Italy*
Gardner-Webb University
Georgia State University
Harvard University
Hampton University
Howard University
Indiana University
James Madison University
Johns Hopkins University
Johnson & Wales University
Lesly University
Lone Star College
Long Island University
Maryland Institute College of Art
Middle Tennessee State University
Middlebury College
Midlands Technical College
Newberry College
North Carolina A & T
Oglethorpe University
Olympic College
Paul Mitchell School of Cosmetology
Penn State
School of the Art Institute of Chicago
Spelman College
South Carolina State University
Southern University A & M
Temple University
The Citadel
The New School for Jazz and Contemporary Music
Tri-County Technical College
Trident Technical College
Tufts University
United States Air Force
United States Marine Corps
University of Colorado - Colorado Springs
University of Delaware
University of Illinois –Chicago
University of Mississippi
University of North Carolina School of the Arts
University of North Carolina Chapel Hill
University of Paris Descartes
University of South Carolina –Columbia
Utah Valley University
Vanderbilt University
Virginia Commonwealth University
Virginia Technical College
Wesleyan University
Wofford University
Webb Institute of Naval Architecture
West Virginia University
Winthrop University
Xavier University of New Orleans
Yale University
Yeshiva University