



# CHARLESTON COUNTY SCHOOL OF THE ARTS

## Profile 2022-2023

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 (high school only), 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 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 Arts Appreciation, Music Appreciation, Art History, or AP Art History course. Students also have an opportunity to earn the SOA Credential with Distinction by having 40 hours of annual community service and leading a service project.

#### Principal

Shannon Cook

#### Assistant Principals

Andrea Derrickson  
*High School*

Laura D. Smith  
*Middle School*

#### School Counselors

Natasha Fields  
*Director*

William Grauer  
*High School*

Stephanie Smalls  
*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  
Art Appreciation  
Biology 1  
Calculus  
Chemistry  
Current Events & Foreign Policy  
Economics & Personal Finance  
English 1-4  
French 3 and 4  
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 2021- 2022: 336*

*Total AP exams in 2021- 2022: 720*

*% Total AP students with Scores 3+: 71%*

American Government

Art History

Biology

Calculus

Computer Science Principles

English Language and Composition

English Literature and Composition

Environmental Science

Human Geography

Music Theory

Physics

Psychology

Research (added 2022-2023)

Seminar (added 2021-2022)

Statistics

Studio Art: Drawing, 2D and 3D

United States History

World History

### SAT Mean Scores for Graduating Class of 2022

Number of testers: 113 – 73%

Evidence-based Reading and Writing: 607

Math: 575

Total: 1182

### ACT Average Scores for Graduating Class of 2022

English 25.1

Math 22.3

Reading 26.8

Science 23.9

Composite 24.7

### School of the Arts Class of 2022

Total in Graduating Class of 2022: 154

Students Attending Four Year Universities: 80 %

Students Attending Two Year Universities: 16%

Students entering the Workforce: 4%

CHARLESTON COUNTY SCHOOL OF THE ARTS PREPARES STUDENTS FOR ADMISSION TO A WIDE VARIETY OF COMPETITIVE COLLEGES THROUGHOUT THE UNITED STATES AND ABROAD. (In-state schools in Red)

Acceptances 2019-2022

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