



CHARLESTON COUNTY SCHOOL OF THE ARTS

Profile 2018-2019

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 is in our 11th year of implementation of the SOA Credential, 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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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.

Note regarding Environmental Science: The college preparatory environmental science course is a lab science and has a prerequisite of Biology 1 or Chemistry.

Honors Academic Courses

English 1-4
Geometry
Algebra 2
Pre-Calculus
Statistics
Calculus
Biology 1
Chemistry
Marine Science
Physics
Global Studies 1
World Geography
United States History and Constitution
U.S. Government Economics
French 3 and 4
Spanish 3 and 4

All Arts Major Courses are on an Honors Level.

Advanced Placement Academic Courses

Total AP Students in 2018- 2019: 318

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

SAT Mean Scores for Graduating Class of 2018

Evidence-based Reading and Writing 613
Math 571
89% of Class of 2018 took the exam.

ACT Average Scores for Graduating Class of 2018

English 26.0
Math 22.3
Reading 25.8
Science 23.0
Composite 24.3
96% of Class of 2018 took the exam.

School of the Arts Class of 2018

Total in Graduating Class of 2018: 157

Students Attending Four Year Universities: 92 %

Students Attending Two Year Universities: 8%

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 – 2018
Sample of College Acceptances

American Academy of Dramatic Arts (NYC)
American University
American University of Paris
Anderson University
Appalachian State University
Barnard University
Berkeley College of Music
Bowie University
Catawba College
Charleston Southern University
Clemson University
Coastal Carolina
Coker College
College of Charleston
Columbia College
Columbia College Chicago
Converse College
DePaul University
Drexel University
Duke University
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University
Emerson College
Francis Marion University
Furman University
Florence University, *Florence, Italy*
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
Middle Tennessee State University
Middlebury 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
South Carolina State University
Southern University A & M
Temple University
The Citadel
The New School for Jazz and Contemporary Music
United States Air Force
United States Marine Corps
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
Wofford University
Webb Institute of Naval Architecture
West Virginia University
Winthrop University
Xavier University of New Orleans
Yale University
Yeshiva University