

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

The ACT and SAT are national examinations used for college admissions and merit-based scholarships. In 2019, 96% of the graduating seniors completed the ACT, while 90% completed the SAT in preparation for college or post-secondary programs.

Advanced Placement Exams 2019-2020

*Due to the schedule delay of all AP Exams due to COVID-19, this information is not available for this academic year as of the date of this publication

Recognized in South Carolina
as one of the top 2 High Schools
- *U.S. News & World Report* -

END OF COURSE (EOC) AND ADVANCED PLACEMENT (AP) EXAM DATA
2019 DATA: 93% OF SOA'S STUDENT MET OR EXCEEDED THE PERFORMANCE EXPECTATIONS ON THE EOC EXAMS ADMINISTERED IN ALGEBRA 1, ENGLISH 1 AND US HISTORY.
74% OF SOA'S STUDENTS SCORED A RATING OF 3 OR HIGHER
ON ALL AP EXAMS ADMINISTERED.

DUE TO COVID-19, 2020 DATA IS OUTSTANDING AS OF THE DATE OF THIS PUBLICATION



State Level PTSA Reflections Awards
Literature - Middle School Award of Merit
Dance Choreography—Middle School Award of Merit

SOA Mission Statement - At SOA our purpose is to provide a supportive educational environment where academic and artistic challenge engage students and lead them to develop and use their talents to pursue goals and contribute to society.

STRATEGIES & INITIATIVES

School of the Arts Specialized Credential
Fitness and Health Initiatives
Improv Theatre Workshop Outreach
Quest Academic Competition
Integrate Technology through Instruction
Community Service Opportunities
Master Classes in Art Areas
SCMEA and Midwest Performances

Senior Thesis
MAP Testing and Analysis
PTSA National Reflections Contest
Scholastic Art & Essay Contest
NHS Free Student Tutoring
SMART Boards in all Classrooms
Jefferson Service Club
Environmental Initiatives

Charleston County

School of the Arts



Where Talent and Vision Create the Future
•2020 Annual Community Report•



Charleston > excellence is our standard
County SCHOOL DISTRICT

STUDENTS ARE
THE HEART
OF OUR WORK!

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NINE AREAS OF Excellence



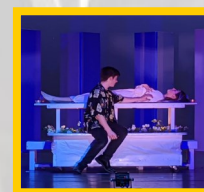
A glimpse into SOA

The Charleston School of the Arts is a uniquely diverse school with students enrolled from across Charleston County. The current enrollment sits at 1209 amazing students. We believe the culture and climate of our school and surrounding community provide an experience that promotes excellence in both academics and the arts from sixth through twelfth grade.

We are a school where all stakeholders believe dreams can become a reality with hard work and determination. Our students, staff, parents, and community members work as a collaborative team to ensure that the school reaches its goal.

Our students are recognized both regionally and nationally for their talents and efforts. The success and achievement in arts is duplicated in the content classes, exposing and providing our students with the experience of a strong academic program that prepares them to become integral parts of the global world in their post-secondary endeavors. Our staff, students, and parents collaborate to create programs, shows, and performances that are of the highest quality.

As educational partners, the Charleston County School District and the faculty of the School of the Arts have the unique opportunity to continue providing a school that inspires and encourages students to excel in a non-traditional way. We encourage the support of anyone that values excellence in education, and hope that the SOA brand continues to grow and impact the lives of people as its founder intended.



School Improvement Council— David Cosgrove, SOA & AMHS Student Concern Specialist & Chair of the SIC-

"Our SIC continues to find ways to support our students including interaction with counselors, collaboration with a neighboring school and special events that celebrate the arts."

Band
53 students in Region 4 Honor Band
4 students selected to All State Jazz Band
18 students selected to All State Band
1 student selected to the Music For All National Honor Band
SOA Jazz Band- Superior with Distinction at SCBDA State Jazz Performance Assessment
SOA Jazz Lab Band- Superior with Distinction at SCBDA State Jazz Performance Assessment

Creative Writing
221 Regional Scholastic Writing Awards
19 National Scholastic Writing Awards
Best-in-Grade in Fiction at the National Scholastic Writing Awards
6 students work selected for the national Rattle Young Poets Anthology
6 finalists and first place and second place in the SC School Writing Contest at USC Honors College

Dance
12 High School students attended the National High School Dance Festival in Pittsburgh
Students auditioned for summer study and college programs, receiving scholarships and placement in college dance programs
Two students awarded the Cecilia Slowinski Dance Scholarship for Summer study
7 guest artists in residence; 10 public performances per year
SOA Dance Department hosted the 2020 South Carolina Dancing Festival

Piano
44 students participated in the Achievement Day Auditions. 99% of those students received an "Outstanding" rating.
3 students selected to perform on the Honors Recital / 5 were alternates to the recital.
Several students won scholarships from the Charleston Symphony Orchestra League, MTNA, and the Louis Scholarship Audition.
Several students were selected to perform for the masterclass following the Louis Mathis auditions

Visual Arts
4 Gold Keys: Region-At-Large Scholastic Art and Writing Awards
10 Silver Keys: Region-At-Large Scholastic Art and Writing Awards
6 Honorable Mentions: Region-At-Large Scholastic Art and Writing Awards
2 Gold Medals: National Scholastic Art Awards
1 Silver Medal: National Scholastic Art Awards
3 Rising Stars: Piccolo Spoleto International Arts Festival

Orchestra
69 students made Region Orchestra
33 students made All-State Orchestra
The Symphony Strings performed at the 2019 Midwest Clinic in Chicago
The Chamber Orchestra performed as a demonstration group at the SC Music Educators State Conference in Columbia, AND also the American String Teachers Association National Conference in Orlando FL

Vocal Music
52 students in Junior High All State Choir
48 students in High School All State Choir
Performed with the North Charleston Pops Orchestra
12 students selected for ACDA All State Choir
15+ performances this year!

Theatre Arts
17 different productions with over 70 performances
6 Arts outreaches to SC Schools.
Over 200 Callbacks @ SETC Jr. Auditions.
South Carolina Theatre Association - People's Choice Award for One-Act Competition with 2 All-Star Cast Members; 3rd Place in Contemporary Monologue Competition; and 3rd place in Classical Monologue Competition

Fashion and Design
11 Coastal Carolina Fair awards, including several 1st Place and Best In Show recognitions
3 Silver Key Scholastic Awards
1 Gold Key Scholastic Award
1 Honorable Mention Scholastic Award
Saul Alexander Gallery Award, 2019 & 2020
Piccolo Spoleto Rising Stars Series. 2019