

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

SC READY assessments are statewide assessments in English language arts (ELA) and Mathematics. In 2021 96% of our middle school students scored meets or exceeds on the ELA assessment. Over 94% scored meets or exceeds on the math assessment.

Advanced Placement Exams

2021

67% of SOA's students scored a rating of 3 or higher on all AP exams administered

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

2021 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.

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2021 Senior Class Accomplishments

- ♦ 97% Seniors were College and Career Ready
- ♦ Scholarships Awarded - \$3,946,480
- ♦ Community Service Hours - 10,596
- ♦ Graduation Rate - 99.35%



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.

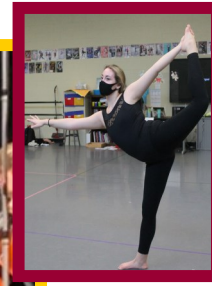
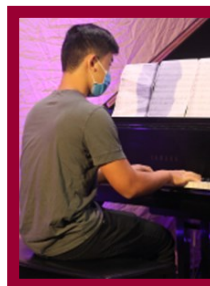
STRATEGIES & INITIATIVES

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

Senior Thesis
MAP Testing and Analysis
Environmental Initiatives
Scholastic Art & Essay Contest
NHS Free Student Tutoring
Promethean Boards in all Classrooms
Jefferson Service Club
College Essay Support

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School of the Arts



Where Talent and Vision Create the Future •2022 Annual Community Report•



Charleston > excellence is our standard
County SCHOOL DISTRICT

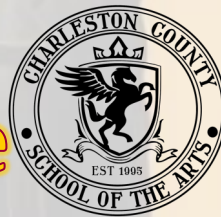
STUDENTS ARE
THE HEART
OF OUR WORK!

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NINE AREAS OF Excellence



Band

High School Band - 46 Students earned a chair in one of the following: SC All-State Band, the SC All-State Jazz Band, and the SC Region 4 Bands! SOA Wind Ensemble performed at the SCMEA State Convention; HS Wind Ensemble and Symphonic Bands received Superior with Distinction at State Concert Performance Assessment. SOA Jazz and Jazz Lab received Superior at State Jazz Performance Assessment. Middle School Band had success at the state and region level - 80% of all students who auditioned were selected to one of the SC Honor Bands. 6th grade band and MS Wind Ensemble received Superior with Distinction at State Concert Performance Assessment. Middle school band students were awarded a commissioned piece by composer RW. Smith at the All National Music Festival and RW Smith Competition.

Creative Writing

173 Regional Scholastic Writing Awards. 45 Gold Keys including one gold senior portfolio by Kiran Narula as well as 3 nominations for the American Voices award by 3 students (1 middle school and 2 high school), 49 Silver Keys including two silver senior portfolios by Sophia Cosentino and Kiran Narula. and 79 Honorable Mentions including 2 honorable mention senior portfolios by Lauren Center and Simon Hamrick. 9 National Scholastic Writing Awards - 5 Gold Keys, 3 Silver Keys and 1 American Voice award.

Dance

2 students awarded the Cecilia Slowinski Summer Study Scholarship, 90% of High School Dance Students are part of the National Honor Society for Dance Arts Chapter, Student performed works on senior thesis productions of social issues of importance to the dancers and surprise concepts that challenged their artistic ability. Former SOA alumni spoke with 11th & 12th grade about their college and professional achievements via Zoom sessions.

Piano

1st place winner - Miranda Hartnett National Association Composition Competition; 2 students awarded 1st Place in their division Academy of Music Sonata Festival - 4 additional students were runners-up in their divisions; 8th Grade Student awarded 2nd place cash award for SC Governor's School Jr. Artist Piano Competition; Two scholarship awards to students given for Charleston Music Teachers Association Louise Mathis Scholarship in 8th and 11th grade with 1 honorable mention in 8th grade; SC Piano Festival—Concerto Winner in Jr. Division, 8th Grade Solo winner, 7th grade Recitalist; MTNA State Recitalist and Honors - 4 middle school students received awards.

Visual Arts

Southeastern Wildlife Expo (MS Photography Competition): 1st, 2nd & 3rd place winners Southeastern Wildlife Expo (HS Birdhouse Competition): 5 winners of 1st place to HM; Regional Scholastic Art & Writing: 75 Student Winners receiving 21 Gold Keys, 25 Silver Keys, & 40 HM's & 2 Gold Portfolios; National Scholastic Art & Writing: 3 Gold Key, & 1 National Vision Award; Coastal Carolina Fair - 68 Awards (most our visual artist have ever received); SC Junior Federal Duck Stamp Competition: 49 total winners from Middle and High School; Best in Show Winner - Abigail Short, 4 - 1st place, 6 - 2nd place & 4 - 3rd place winners, 12 HM's, 3 Conservation message awards; Piccolo Spoleto Rising Stars - 5 Students chosen - 1 middle and 4 high school students; SCAEA Youth Art Month Show Awards - 3 winners - 1st and 2nd place in middle school and 1st place in high school; Charleston Artist Guild Senior Art Exhibition awarded 15 School of the Arts seniors. 10 of those seniors were awarded \$9,525 in scholarship and cash prizes. 4 of these seniors, Cassie Phillips, Grace Baker, Autumn Bosier and Dorothea Eliza Valero were each awarded \$2000 in scholarship money.

Orchestra

SOA Middle School Strings - 92% of students were selected for the Region Orchestra, and 61% of the Region Orchestra will be made up with SOA's 6th - 8th grade orchestra students. 4 students were 1st chairs and section leaders. 1 student was Concertmaster - Ava Whitener. SOA High School Strings - 67 HS string students qualified for Region Orchestra in High School; 96% of students who tried out qualified, more than any other school, and a new SOA record! 32 students were accepted into All State Orchestra, more than any other school in the state.

Vocal Music

43 High School Singers were selected for All-State Chorus!!! 2 students were featured soloist - Meredith Hungerford & Lauren Bas; 38 Middle School Singers were selected for the Middle School ACDA All-State Chorus.

Theatre Arts

Theatre is one of the most productive MS/HS South Carolina Theatre programs. This year there were over 5 Outreach programs plus over 20 different productions resulting in over 75 student performances.

Fashion and Design

Morgan MacAnanny won Gold Key and multiple honorable awards and Lillian Stackhouse won Silver Key and multiple honorable awards for SCAD's Scholastic Art and Writing Awards.

A glimpse into SOA

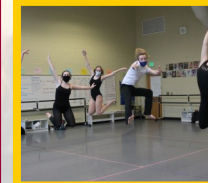


The Charleston School of the Arts is a uniquely diverse school with students enrolled from across Charleston County. The current enrollment sits at 1,106 artistically gifted students. We believe the culture and climate of our school and surrounding community provide an experience that promotes excellence 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 the arts is duplicated in non-arts 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 are confident our artists will continue to grow and impact the lives of those in the SOA Community.



School Improvement Council— Anne Cimballa, SOA Visual Art Teacher & Co-Chair of the SIC -

“Finding ways to support our students continues to be at the forefront of our minds and mission. We have looked for creative ways to meet the social and emotional as well as academic needs of our students. Our students’ success in their art areas continues to be a point of celebration for our school community.”