

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

The ACT and SAT are national examinations used for college admissions and merit-based scholarships. In 2018, SOA's students scored above the state and national average.

Scholarships Offered

158 graduating seniors were offered \$6.5 million in scholarships in 2018

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

2018 Advanced Placement

519 exams taken
Over 50% of high school students enrolled in AP Classes

END OF COURSE (EOC) EXAMS

OVER 90% OF SOA'S STUDENT PASSED EOC EXAMS ADMINISTERED IN ALGEBRA 1, ENGLISH 1, US HISTORY AND BIOLOGY.



State Level PTSA Reflections Awards

Literature—Award of Merit

Dance Choreography—Award of Excellence & 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 such as NO Car Idling

Charleston SCHOOL OF THE ARTS

Where Talent and Vision Create The Future



2019 SIC Report to Parents



Charleston > excellence is our standard
County SCHOOL DISTRICT

STUDENTS ARE
THE HEART
OF OUR WORK!

Superintendent, Dr. Gerrita Postlewait

Deputy Superintendent - Cynthia Ambrose

Executive Director SLC - Sharon E. Randall

Principal, Dr. Shannon Cook

HS Assistant Principal, Mrs. Kimberly Zerbst

MS Assistant Principal, Mr. Robert Grant

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NINE AREAS OF Excellence



Band

4 students selected to All State Jazz Band
12 students selected to All State Band
Superior with Distinction at SCPA
Two students performed in the Honors Jazz Combo at SCMEA
SOA Clarinet performance at Midwest Band & Orchestra Clinic
Superior ratings at State Jazz Festival at Newberry College

Creative Writing

348 Regional and 22 National Scholastic Writing Awards
Received 6 of 10 awards in the Atlantic Institute's Art and Essay Contest
5 winners Carl Sandburg Poetry Competition
1st Place in Gannon University's HS Poetry Competition
Received 4 of 16 awards in the SC School Writing Contest at USC Honors
Dr. Linda Veldheer Memorial Prize in the Skylark Poetry Competition

Dance

PTSA Reflections Region Winners: Two 1st Place
10 students selected to perform Honors Recital at the SCMEA conference
Students attended National HS Dance Festival and received Scholarships -
Two students selected to perform their choreography
Two students awarded the Cecilia Slowinski Dance Scholarship for Summer study

Piano

28 students participated in Solo & Ensemble Festival (10 were selected to perform on the Honors Recital at the SCMEA Convention, 3 of those students were selected to perform for the master class)
38 students participated in Achievement Day Auditions (90% received "Outstanding" ratings)
Several students received scholarships from the Charleston Symphony League and MTNA
2 students won the Louise Mathis Scholarship

Visual Arts

Regional and National Scholastic Art and Writing - 80 winners
Coastal Carolina Fair and Charleston Artist Guild - winners
Over \$400,000 art scholarships offered during 2017-2018
Rochester Institute of Technology Digital Art Contest - Best in Show

Orchestra

24 All State Selections for HS Orchestra
High School received Superior Rating at SC Concert Festival
Largest number selected for middle school Region & State Orchestra
Middle School Received Superior ratings at both Region & National Competitions

Vocal Music

23 student selected to National Honor Choir
44 students selected to Junior High All State Choir
52 students selected to High School All State Choir
National Choir of America Featured Choir at Carnegie Hall, NYC
Broadway Performance with the Charleston Symphony Orchestra

Theatre Arts

SCTA -3rd Place, Best Sound and Costume Design, 2 All States Casts
Thespians 2019—50% earned Superior ratings
10 Outreach Workshops
Over 70 public performances a year

Fashion and Design

Students toured NYC museums, boutiques, garment district and costumes design studios
Students worked with an European Footwear Designer to create shoes



WHAT IS SIC?

OVERVIEW

The School Improvement Council (SIC) is an advisory committee of volunteers that includes parents, students, faculty, staff and community members. The mission during the 2018-2019 school year is to identify and implement ways to help a great school become even better. Because SOA has outstanding academic success, the SIC chose to focus on student life. Two areas of focus were identified: Student Orientation, and Community Building.

FOCUS ON STUDENT ORIENTATION

Improve the appeal and effectiveness of SOA orientations for new students

COMPLETED

- ◆ Student Guide with map & reference card
- ◆ Improved signage for gender-neutral restrooms
- ◆ SOA 101 reviewed by student volunteers
- ◆ Explored options for student-produced videos on orientation topics
- ◆ Student Mentor program for at-risk 6th graders.
- ◆ Summer Orientation program developed.

FUTURE PROJECTS

- ◆ Develop mentor programs
- ◆ Expand student-produced SOA orientation

FOCUS ON COMMUNITY BUILDING

Implement campus-wide and art major initiatives.

COMPLETED

- ◆ Launched a campus wide Open Mic event
- ◆ Assisted with launch of official social media accounts
- ◆ Progress towards launching a "School Store."

FUTURE PROJECTS

- ◆ More/better resources for student mental health
- ◆ Host parent workshops on relevant topics
- ◆ Improve access/organization of clubs
- ◆ Increase student council & teacher participation in SIC
- ◆ "Fun Run" or other cooperative campus events



Inaugural Open Mic Night

SIC Members

Alexander Fox—Chair
Kimberly Zerbst—Administrator
Alaina Rink—Teacher
David Cosgrove—School Rep.
Sonya Altenbach—Parent
Colleen Griffin—Parent
Dennis Griffin—Parent
Amanda Collie—Parent

Mark Hoch—Parent
Stephanie Fox—Parent
Stella Fox—Student
Vanessa Steele—Parent
Kenna Steele—Student
Cassidy Lewis—Student
Katherine Forester—Student

School Improvement Council—Alexander Fox—Chair

2018—2019 Goal: "The SOA School Improvement Council has worked with teachers and administrators to develop meaningful initiatives that optimize the student orientation process, and foster a positive sense of community."