

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

The ACT and SAT are national examinations used for college admissions and merit-based scholarships. In 2015, 100% of the graduating seniors completed the ACT, while 90% completed the SAT in preparation for college or post-secondary programs.

Advanced Placement Exams

2015 - 2016 - 441

2016 - 2017 - 562

SOA RECOGNITIONS 2016-2017

Recognized in South Carolina as
one of the top 2 High Schools
- *U.S. News & World Report*
Palmetto Gold Award
2008, 2009, 2012—2016

END OF COURSE (EOC) AND ADVANCED PLACEMENT (AP) EXAM DATA
95% OF SOA'S STUDENT MET OR EXCEEDED THE PERFORMANCE EXPECTATIONS
ON THE EOC EXAMS ADMINISTERED IN ALGEBRA 1, ENGLISH 1 AND US HISTORY.
87% OF SOA'S STUDENTS SCORED A RATING OF 3 OR HIGHER
ON ALL AP EXAMS ADMINISTERED.



State Level PTSA Reflections Awards

Literature - 1 Honorable Mention

Cassidy Lewis

Dance - 2 Honorable Mention

Catherine Nutter and Ashley Limehouse

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 Diploma
Fitness and Health Initiatives
Improv Theatre Workshop Outreach
PTSA National Reflections Contest
Integrate Technology through Instruction
Provide Community Service Opportunity
Master Classes in Art Areas
SCMEA and Spoleto Performance
Pegasus Garden

Senior Thesis
MAP Testing and Analysis
Provide Advanced Assignments
Quest Academic Competition
Optimist 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 2017 Annual Community Report



Charleston >excellence is our standard
County SCHOOL DISTRICT

Superintendent, Dr. Gerrita Postlewait

Executive Director HLC - Kim Wilson, Ed.S. Executive Director MLC - Dr. Joseph Williams

Principal, Dr. Shannon Cook

Assistant Principal, Dr. Robert Perrineau, Jr. Assistant Principal, Mr. Robert Grant

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NINE AREAS OF Excellence



Band

4 students selected to All State Jazz Band
21 students selected to All State Band
72 students selected to Region Band
SOA Jazz Band featured performers at Folly Beach Jazz Festival
80% MS students placed in Honor Bands
MS & HS ensembles received Superior at SCBDA
Jonah Paquette was selected for the 2nd year for Honor Jazz Band of America
Bands invited to attend Grand National Adjudicator Invitational
40 Students received Superior Ratings at Solo and Ensemble Festival

Creative Writing

442 Regional Scholastic Writing Awards
20 National Scholastic Writing Awards
5 winners Carl Sandburg Poetry Competition
Student work published in a variety of literary magazines
Narrative 4 Storytelling Exchange with 2 area schools

Dance

Scholarships awarded at Regional Dance Festival
Sophia Katsibas & Auryanna Ascue awarded the Cecelia Slowinski Scholarship and scholarship to prestigious dance summer school in Chicago

Piano

43 students participated in Achievement Day Auditions
(39 "Outstanding" ratings and 8 students selected for Honors Recital)
16 students participated in District Auditions (14 received "Outstanding" ratings and received call backs for State Auditions)
4 students received scholarships from the Charleston Symphony League
2 students won the Louise Mathis Scholarship

Visual Arts

Middle School Visual Artist received awards from Coastal Carolina Fair
MS Visual Artist received several awards from Scholastic Art Competition

Orchestra

31 All State Selections
49 All Region Selections
Side by side concert with Charleston Symphony Orchestra and SOA Orchestra
Superior Rating for the Chamber Orchestra at SC Concert Festival

Vocal Music

42* students selected to Junior High All State Choir
57* students selected to High School All State Choir
34* Students selected to National Honor Choir in Minneapolis, MN
*largest number selected from any other school

Theatre Arts

Host Site for State Theatre Conference
7th Year Hosting SC HS Improv Tournament
7th Place in State One Acts
2nd Place in State Poetry Out Loud
10 Outreach Workshop and 10 Outreach Performances
Over 50 public performances a year

Fashion and Design

Students toured NYC museums, boutiques, garment district and take in costumes from a Broadway show
Built costumes for HS musical Grease, 1st time as major
First Senior Thesis, Scholastic Winners and AP Art Portfolios completed



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 1150 amazing students. We believe the culture and climate of our school and surrounding community will 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 will indeed reach its goal.

Our students are recognized both regionally and nationally for their talents and ability. 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 *Stefanie Prichard Vice Chair -*

2017—2018 Goal: "The SOA School Improvement Council has worked to assist the SOA Administrative Team with helping and supporting students to achieve at their absolute highest potential both academically and artistically."

