

# 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

**2014 - 2015—360**  
**2015 - 2016—421**

## SOA RECOGNITIONS 2015-2016

Recognized in South Carolina as  
 one of the top 2 High Schools  
 - *U.S. News & World Report*  
 Palmetto Gold Award  
 2008, 2009, 2012, 2013 & 2014

The ACT Aspire Assessment is one given to students in 3rd through 10th grade to assess student growth, identify learning gaps, and prepares students for college readiness and the ACT.

Over 83% of SOA middle school students met or exceeded standards on the ACT Aspire Assessment for Reading, Science, Social Studies and Mathematics

## END OF COURSE (EOC) AND ADVANCED PLACEMENT (AP) EXAM DATA

96% OF SOA'S STUDENT MET OR EXCEEDED THE PERFORMANCE EXPECTATIONS ON THE EOC EXAMS ADMINISTERED IN ALGEBRA 1, ENGLISH 1 AND US HISTORY.  
 77% OF SOA'S STUDENTS SCORED A RATING OF 3 OR HIGHER ON ALL AP EXAMS ADMINISTERED.



## State Level PTSA Reflections Awards

Literature—2 - 1st Place & 2 - Honorable Mention  
 Music Composition—1st Place  
 Dance—1st Place and 2 Honorable Mention

## National Level PTSA Reflections Awards

National Winner for Literature—6th Grade Student Logan Baker

**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 2016 Annual Community Report

Charleston > excellence is our standard  
 County SCHOOL DISTRICT

Superintendent, Dr. Gerrita Postlewait

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Principal, Dr. Shannon Cook

Assistant Principal, Dr. Robert Perrineau, Jr.

Assistant Principal, Mr. Robert Grant

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# NINE AREAS OF Excellence



**Band**  
80% of SOA band members placed in Honor bands  
All concert band and wind ensembles received Superior with distinction ratings from the SCBDA  
Hosted the Thelonious Monk Institute 50+ Superior Ratings at the SC Solo and Ensemble Festival

**Creative Writing**  
493 Regional Scholastic Writing Awards  
24 National Scholastic Art and Writing Awards  
3 Published Writers and Faculty Members

**Dance**  
10 students auditioned and received scholarships or awards at the National HS Dance Festival  
MS performance at Disney World, Orlando, FL.  
Participant at the North Charleston Performing Arts Festival

**Piano**  
7 students were selected to the Honors Recital based on their outstanding performance at Achievement Day  
16 Students participated in the District Auditions. After receiving "Outstanding" ratings, 7 received a call back to All State  
Scholarship recipients from the Charleston Symphony League, Pawley's Island Scholarship for Piano and the Louise Mathis Scholarship

**Orchestra**  
23 All State Selections  
43 All Region Selections  
Superior Rating for the Chamber Orchestra  
At SC Concert Festival  
"Grand Champion" at the National Orchestra Festival  
Hosted by the American String Teacher's Association (ASTA)

**Visual Arts**  
Top 10% national ranking for AP Art Studio  
Top AP Art/Visual Art Program in SC  
Multiple Scholastic Art and Writing Awards  
Participation in the National Endowment for the Arts Young Artist Competition

**Vocal Music**  
69 Students SCMEA HS All State Choir  
45 Students ACDA MS All State Choir  
Superior Rating at SC Vocal Concert Festival

**Theatre Arts**  
Attended the SETC, Greensboro, NC  
17 Performances/workshops for CCSD Schools  
Conducted workshops for 2000+ non-SOA Student

**Fashion and Design**  
Designed Clothes for MUSC OT Patient  
2016 Fashion Show to highlight "Things that Changed the World"  
Costume Design for Theatre Arts Performances

## 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 Yancey Richmond Chair - 2016—2017 Goal:** *"The SOA School Improvement Council will collaborate with the administrative team to engage all stakeholders, support student achievement, and promote the continued growth and progress of the students that attend the Charleston County School of the Arts."*