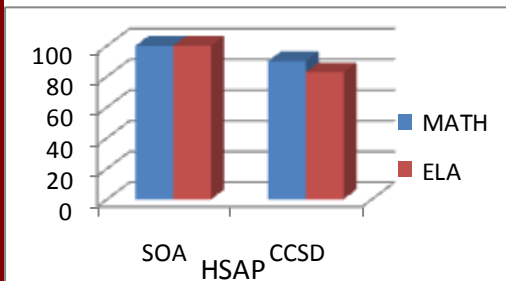


STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

High School Assessment Program (HSAP)

The HSAP tests are based on the South Carolina curriculum standards for ELA and mathematics and assess what students are expected to know and be able to do in each subject. The information below represents percentage of our students who were proficient or advanced compared to others across the district.

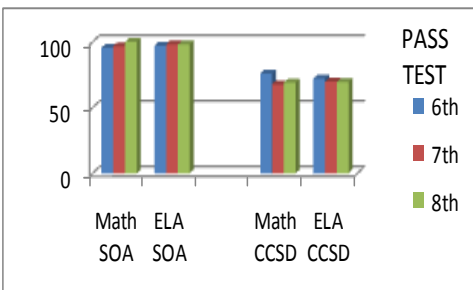


HSAP Summary

All of our high school student (**100% in Math and 100% in ELA**) scored at or above the state performance objectives.

Middle School Palmetto Assessment of State Standards (PASS)

PASS is the statewide assessment for grades 3-8 in writing, English language arts (reading and research), mathematics, science, and social studies. Information below represents the percentage of our students who received scores of “met” or “exemplary,” compared to students meeting these standards in the Charleston County School District.



SOA RECOGNITIONS 2012-2013

National Gold Winner 2013
 Top 2 Schools Recognized in South Carolina
 - U.S. News & World Report
Palmetto Gold Award
 Achievement & Reducing Achievement Gaps
 H. S. Absolute Rating—Excellent
 H.S. Growth Rating—Excellent
 M.S. Absolute Rating—Excellent

PASS Summary

All of our high school students (**100% in Math and 100% in ELA**) scored at or above the state performance objectives.

SOA Mission Statement Charleston County School of the Arts' mission is to empower students to maximize their potential through intensive arts instruction and rigorous academic programs in order to instill a life-long passion for excellence.

STRATEGIES & INITIATIVES

School of the Arts Specialized Diploma
 Coherent Curriculum
 MAP Testing and Analysis
 Provide Advanced Assignments
 Provide Differentiated Instruction
 Integrate Technology through Instruction
 Provide Community Service Opportunity
 Utilize Cooperative Learning Strategies
 Professional Development of Teachers
 SMART Boards in all Classrooms

Senior Thesis
 Implement Fitness and Health Initiatives
 Improv Theatre Workshop Outreach
 PTSA National Reflections Contest
 Quest Academic Competition
 Optimist Essay Contest
 NHS Free Student Tutoring
 Master Classes in Art Areas
 Middle School Team Instruction
 SCMEA and Spoleto Performances



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EIGHT AREAS OF Excellence



Instrumental Music Band Middle School

20% of students selected to All State Band
64% of students selected to Region Band
Grand National Adjudicator Championship Award
Earned Superior Rating at Concert Festival
SC Jazz Festival - Received Top Ranking
Outstanding Woodwind Section at GNAI

High School

SOA Jazz Ensemble received Superior ratings
SOA Jazz Ensemble selected by national audition
to perform at the Savannah Music Festival's
Two Students selected to the National Honor Band
Earned Superior Rating at Concert Festival



Visual Arts

Scholastic Awards- 33 awards & 4 Gold Keys
Coastal Carolina Fair - 11 Awards & Best in Show
N. Charleston Arts Festival - 1st Place & 4 HM
Youth Art Month - Best in Show/trip to New York
SC Dialogue Foundation Art Competition -
2nd Place for SC & trip to Turkey

Creative Writing

6 National Gold Scholastic Writing Awards
9 National Silver Scholastic Writing Awards
Best in 7th & 8th Grade for Short Story National
Scholastic Writing Awards
101 Gold Key Regional Scholastic Writing Awards
125 Silver Key Regional Scholastic Writing Awards
Poetry Out Loud South Carolina Finalist

Instrumental Music Piano

83% selected to perform at SCMEA Convention
Large Percentage of Outstanding & Superior ratings
6 Students Featured at Piccolo Spoleto
Monthly Performances at Ronald MacDonald House

Dance

Student winners in Reflections Contest
Distinguished Young Women participants & winners
Dance Scholarships given for summer study
Students participate in international
summer dance programs; Joffrey Ballet,
School of American Ballet and Ballet West

Orchestra /Strings

31 HS Students selected for Region Orchestra
17 HS Students Selected for All State Orchestra
20 MS Students selected for Region Orchestra
16 MS Students selected for All State Orchestra
MS Orchestra Violin Quartet to perform at Spoleto

Vocal Music

4 performances of *Les Miserable's* by 175 students
52 students selected for SC HS All State Choir
45 students selected for SC Junior All State Choir
23 students selected for ACDA National Choir
2nd & 3rd Place at SC HS Concert Festival

Theatre Arts

Full Academic and Theatre Scholarships selected
for Prestigious Institutions
All-star Cast in SCTA One Acts
1st & 3rd Place in SC Improv Tournament
SCTA - *Outstanding Theatre Educator Award*
Over 50 Public Performances

A Glimpse into

At Charleston County School of the Arts, we serve approximately 1080 students. We are one campus, with both a dedicated middle school and high school.

Our curriculum is designed to foster a diverse, inclusive student culture with the belief that a challenging arts and academic education will prepare our students for a global society. We work actively to elicit the best performances from our students, not just on the proverbial "stage," but also in the classroom. Our philosophy is exemplified through a blend of formal education with the soulful pursuit of an art form; our graduates leave us prepared for America's best colleges and universities, with the additional gift of a seven-year intensive focus in their arts area.

At School of the Arts, we embody a relational approach to education: a three-sided partnership between the teacher, student, and parent. This type of teamwork is designed to develop the mind, the character, the entire child. Our faculty not only share a passion for learning and knowledge but they also dedicate themselves to creativity in the classroom and an emphasis on the arts and academics.

Arts-wise, our students regularly receive local, state, and national recognition for their work. Academically, we boast a robust advanced placement curriculum where students gain college credits. Our students also win academic awards in competitions as diverse as public speaking, writing, Quiz Bowl, and Quest. Our arts majors come together internally to produce professional quality musicals, exhibits, readings, and performances that showcase student work and our talents. Through these talents School of the Arts conducts regular outreach to elementary schools and performances for the public designed to promote goodwill and service.

The SOA experience offers a truly exceptional educational opportunity. Even a brief visit to campus will illustrate our creed come to life: at SOA the arts make a difference.



School Improvement Council—Sue Kidder, Chair

2012 - 2013 Goal: "To identify and support school improvement goals, to work collaboratively with SOA leadership and all stakeholders, and to monitor the progress realized in achieving goals."