

SRAA Highlights

- ◆ National and State winner of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts Schools of Distinction in Arts Education Award
- ◆ Nationally Distinguished Title One School
- ◆ Accolades from organizations, including: SC Board of Education, SC Department of Education, John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, National Association of State Title I Directors, and United Way
- ◆ Sixty years of service to the community
- ◆ Received over \$175,000 in grants
- ◆ Forty-four years Accreditation by Southern Association of Colleges and Schools
- ◆ Arts in Basic Curriculum (ABC) Site
- ◆ Two National Board Certified Teachers
- ◆ Fifteenth Annual Book Parade
- ◆ After-School Arts Programs
- ◆ Four Artists-in-Residence
- ◆ Security Federal Student Banking
- ◆ Community Service Projects
- ◆ Internship Sites for Columbia College, Anderson College and University of South Carolina
- ◆ Model of Effective Arts Integration with Academics Site (SC State Alliance for Arts Education)
- ◆ Multiple business and community partnerships
- ◆ West Columbia Police Department Community Action Team On-Site
- ◆ Fifth grader featured in multiple media outlets helping to save a woman's life
- ◆ Performed at SC School Boards Association Conference at Hilton Head Island

About Our School

We have served West Columbia since 1955. Saluda River Academy for the Arts was established as a fully Arts integrated and partial magnet school in 1999. We are a public school that offers educational excellence through innovative programs in the arts, academics, technology and physical development.

The Arts focus at SRAA provides extensive opportunities for *all* students to learn through creative instructional approaches and to express themselves creatively in the arts areas.

The enthusiasm, excitement and spirit generated by the program are evident throughout Saluda River Academy for the Arts. This spirit creates an environment in which students become self-confident achievers in academics and creative thinkers in all areas.

There are many opportunities for our school community - students, parents, faculty, and friends - to work in unison as we strive towards our mission. You are invited to partner with us in our quest. High expectations coupled with hard work will enable us to work together to ensure our children achieve at great heights. You are invited to come be a part of our team!



SRAA Fast Facts

Student Enrollment
399

Student-Teacher Ratio
20 to 1

Parents Attending Conferences
99%

Number of Certified Staff
36

School Summary Report 2015—2016



“Advancing Every Student”

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**Saluda River Academy
for the Arts
Mission Statement**

The mission of Saluda River Academy for the Arts united with our community in a commitment to excellence, is to advance every student so that each can achieve his/her fullest potential and become a lifelong learner.

**Saluda River Academy
for the Arts Beliefs**

1. We believe in order to advance every student, each staff member must contribute to the community of learning by doing whatever is necessary to ensure the welfare of the whole child (academic, social, physical, emotional).
2. We believe that learning in a safe, positive, nurturing environment where students are actively engaged in learning is our priority.
3. We believe each of us is unique and we can learn from each other; therefore, diversity must be embraced and celebrated.
4. We believe partnerships must be formed with all stakeholders (faculty, staff, parents, students, and the community) for optimal learning to occur and each partner shares in the responsibility for student success.
5. We believe if we are to enable students to become self-confident and self-directed lifelong learners, we must strive for continuous improvement and seek out strategies that will ensure achievement.
6. We believe students need to appreciate and be able to express themselves through the Arts.

2015 Standardized Test Scores

South Carolina's Education Accountability Act requires the administration of standardized achievement tests in the areas of English/Language Arts, Mathematics, Science, and Social Studies. South Carolina used ACT Aspire and the Palmetto Assessment of State Standards (PASS) to meet the mandate of the law. ACT Aspire was used to test the English, Math, Reading, and Writing. PASS was used to test Science and Social Studies.

The tables below and to the right show Saluda River Academy for the Arts' 2015 achievement in comparison to other Lexington School District #2 elementary schools.

ACT Aspire	
English % "Ready"	
Lexington #2	SRAA
57.8	61.4

ACT Aspire	
Math % "Ready"	
Lexington #2	SRAA
41.8	52.9

ACT Aspire	
Reading % "Ready"	
Lexington #2	SRAA
28.4	29.6

ACT Aspire	
Writing % "Ready"	
Lexington #2	SRAA
15.9	15.7

PASS	
Science % "Met"	
Lexington #2	SRAA
61.4	69.1

PASS	
Social Studies % "Ready"	
Lexington #2	SRAA
72.7	73.5

