

# 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

- Sixty-Four years of service to the community

- Received over \$212,000 in grants

- Forty-nine year Accreditation

- Arts in Basic Curriculum (ABC) Certified School



- Full-time 60 minute Art, Dance, Music, and Theatre standards-based classes

- Two National Board Certified Teachers

- Active Student Council and Jr. Beta Club

- After-School Arts and Archery Programs

- 5 Artists-in-Residencies each year

- West Columbia Police Department SRO On-Site

- Internship Sites for Columbia College and the University of South Carolina



- Multiple business and community partnerships

- 2018-2019 AND 2021-2022 Superior Rating at State Theatre Arts Festival

- Archery team has made it to State 2 years running



## 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, engaging, and challenging instructional approaches, and to showcase their own creativity through the arts.



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, enable us to work together to ensure our children achieve at great heights.

During the current school year, our faculty has participated in district-wide curriculum planning and development, Professional Learning Communities Training and Crisis Intervention Institute Training.

# School Summary Report 2021-2022

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**A John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts  
National Schools of Distinction in Arts Education**

**Award Recipient**



**Mission (What We Do)**  
 The mission of SRAA is to challenge every student to meet high academic standards while being responsible and creative lifelong learners.

**Vision (Where We Want to Be)**  
 Saluda River Academy for the Arts will prepare students to become college and career ready so they will excel as productive global citizens.

- We Believe in... (What Guides Us)**
- High expectations produce high performance.
  - Fostering positive relationships with students and families is vital.
  - Embracing and celebrating every student's uniqueness, diversity, and value is important.
  - A well-rounded education includes academics, arts, and social-emotional learning.
  - Students are our first priority. Every decision and action must be based on the needs of students.
  - All stakeholders (faculty, staff, parents, students, and the community) involvement and support are imperative and share the responsibility for student success.

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The **Arts Education Mission** of Saluda River Academy for the Arts is to advance every student through quality arts education that develops caring, productive, lifelong learners.

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 SC Ready and the Palmetto Assessment of State Standards (PASS) to meet the mandate of the law. SC Ready was used to test English-Language Arts and Math. PASS was used to test Science and Social Studies.



The Following Tables show Saluda River Academy for the Arts' 2021 achievement in comparison to other Lexington School District 2 elementary schools, as well as, other schools in South Carolina.

**SC Ready English      % Meets/Exceeds**

**Lexington 2      SRAA**

32.4%      44.2%

**SC Ready Math      % Meets/Exceeds**

**Lexington 2      SRAA**

29.7%      41.3%

**PASS Science      % Meets/Exceeds**

**Lexington 2      SRAA**

35.3%      41.7%

Four pillars that make SRAA an amazing arts school include: 60 minute standards-based Art, Dance, Music, and Theatre classes, after school arts opportunities, artists-in-residencies, and arts integration. The arts integration program includes regularly scheduled arts integration classes in the core academic subjects. The fine arts specialists tailor the classes to each subject and teach S.C. College and Career Readiness Standards through Art, Music, Theatre, and Dance.



Highlights

- Newly renovated classrooms and stage!!
- ABC (Arts in Basic Curriculum) Certified School and Lab Site School
- Engaging and Rigorous Academic Setting
- Recipient of numerous Arts funding grants
- Recognition for excellence in the arts by state arts

