The ACT and SAT are national examinations used for college admissions and merit-based scholarships. In 2017, 100% of the graduating seniors completed the ACT, while 76% completed the SAT in preparation for college or post-secondary programs.

Advanced Placement Exams

2017 - 2018 - 542

Recognized in South Carolina as one of the top 2 High Schools - U.S. News & World Report

End of Course (EOC) and Advanced Placement (AP) Exam Data
93% of SOA’s student met or exceeded the performance expectations on the EOC exams administered in Algebra 1, English 1 and US History. 74% of SOA’s students scored a rating of 3 or higher on all AP exams administered.

State Level PTSA Reflections Awards
Literature - Middle School Award of Merit
Dance Choreography – Middle School Award of Merit

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 Credential
Fitness and Health Initiatives
Improv Theatre Workshop Outreach
Quest Academic Competition
Integrate Technology through Instruction
Community Service Opportunities
Master Classes in Art Areas
SCMEA and Midwest Performances
Senior Thesis
MAP Testing and Analysis
PTSA National Reflections Contest
Scholastic Art & Essay Contest
NHS Free Student Tutoring
SMART Boards in all Classrooms
Jefferson Service Club
Environmental Initiatives such as NO Car Idling
NINE AREAS OF Excellence

Band
4 students selected to All State Jazz Band
12 students selected to All State Band
Superior with Distinction at SCPA
Two students performed in the Honors Jazz Combo at SCMEA
SOA Clarinet performance at Midwest Band & Orchestra Clinic
Superior ratings at State Jazz Festival at Newberry College

Creative Writing
348 Regional and 22 National Scholastic Writing Awards
Received 6 of 10 awards in the Atlantic Institute’s Art and Essay Contest
Received 4 of 16 awards in the SC School Writing Contest at USC Honors
5 winners Carl Sandburg Poetry Competition
1st Place in Gannon University’s HS Poetry Competition
Dr. Linda Veldheer Memorial Prize in the Skylark Poetry Competition

Dance
PTSA Reflections Region Winners: 1st Place & 3rd Place
10 students selected to perform Honors Recital at the SCMEA conference
Auryanna Ascue accepted to School of American Ballet Summer Program
Sophia Katsibas accepted to Hubbard Street Dance Co. Summer Program
Students attended National HS Dance Festival and received Scholarships

Piano
40 students participated in Achievement Day Auditions
(34 “Outstanding” ratings and 6 students selected for Honors Recital)
4 students received scholarships from the Charleston Symphony League
2 students won the Louise Mathis Scholarship
Irene Lui chosen to participate in Rising Star Program at Piccolo Spoleto

Visual Arts
Regional and National Scholastic Art and Writing - 80 winners
Coastal Carolina Fair and Charleston Artist Guild - winners
Over $400,000 art scholarships offered during 2017-2018
Rochester Institute of Technology Digital Art Contest - Best in Show

Orchestra
24 All State Selections for HS Orchestra
High School received Superior Rating at SC Concert Festival
Largest number selected for middle school Region and State Orchestra
Middle School received Superior ratings at both Region & National Competitions

Vocal Music
2 students selected to Junior High All State Choir
54 students selected to High School All State Choir
Performed for the SC Music Educators General Session with the North Charleston Pops Orchestra

Theatre Arts
SCTA - Best Actress, Best Director, 2 all star acting awards
Thespians 2018— Many won superior and excellent ratings
20 Outreach Workshop and 10 Outreach Performances
Over 50 public performances a year

Fashion and Design
Students toured NYC museums, boutiques, garment district and costumes design studios
Students worked with an European Footwear Designer to create shoes

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 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 reaches its goal.

Our students are recognized both regionally and nationally for their talents and efforts. 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.”