

School Of The Arts



PROFILE

CELEBRATING STUDENT SUCCESS

Academic • Artistic • Humanistic

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OUR MISSION...

School of the Arts mission is student success... academic, artistic and humanistic. We are a teaching and learning community dedicated to infusing the arts, humanities and academics into all facets of education. We value the dignity and inherent worth of self and others. We celebrate the richness and diversity that forms our community. We challenge students and staff by expecting and modeling high standards of performance. SOTA's commitment to educational excellence has earned the school a national reputation. It was recently chosen as one of America's Best High Schools by *Newsweek*, *The Daily Beast* and *US News & World Report*. School of the Arts graduates embrace lifelong learning and reflect the values instilled by artistic disciplines. It is our belief that our graduates are cognizant of the gifts they possess and understand the responsibility and privilege of contributing to a larger community.

OUR SCHOOL...

Nestled in the heart of Rochester's Cultural District, the School of the Arts - SOTA - is a public school for urban residents. Qualifying candidates are admitted through audition or portfolio. School of the Arts honors diversity. Our student population is comprised of: 49.4% African Americans, 22% Hispanics, 25% Caucasians, and 3.6% Asian and other.

SOTA makes its own contributions to the arts by combining its extensive arts program with a myriad of community resources. SOTA students repeatedly win prestigious awards including the National Foundation for the Advancement in the Arts Award, the National Merit Scholarship, the National High School Dance Festival Award, the Orrin Shapiro Writing Award and the Kodak Young Leaders Award. In addition to fulfilling New York State's Regents graduation requirements, a School of the Arts diploma signifies the completion of an eight-credit sequence in one of the following arts disciplines: Creative Writing, Dance, Drama, Music, Theater Technology, or Visual Arts. To accommodate their academic workload and fine arts concentration, SOTA students attend more daily class periods than those attending traditional city schools.

Each semester students are required to participate in performances and exhibitions in their major field of study. SOTA views the arts as a powerful stimulus for scholarship. Its academic program includes: the New York State Regents, Honors and Advanced Placement Courses in American History, Biology, Chemistry, Calculus AB, Government and Politics: United States, Grade 11 English Language & Composition, Music Theory, Physics and World History. Our catalog of Virtual Advanced Placement Course offerings have grown to include Art History, Computer Science, English Literature, Environmental Science, Psychology and Statistics.

SCHOOL OF THE ARTS CLASS PROFILE AVERAGE

Enrollment: 774 Students *Grades 9-12*
Senior Class: 183 Students

POST-SECONDARY PLACEMENTS

- 35% 4-Year College or University
- 56.5% Community College
- 7.5 % Employment/Other
- 1% Military

OUR COMMUNITY...

Rochester, the third largest city in New York State, is a city rich in history. It was the former home to Frederick Douglass and Susan B. Anthony and is located on Lake Ontario in the beautiful Finger Lakes Region. Rochester is the corporate headquarters for Eastman Kodak and Paychex. It claims one of the most skilled workforces of any major U.S. metropolis. Education is a high priority in the Greater Rochester Community; numerous nationally recognized institutions of higher education are located here including: Rochester Institute of Technology, University of Rochester and the Eastman School of Music.

Rochester is renowned for its cultural resources and is generous in its support for education and the arts. In

addition to the Eastman School of Music, Garth Fagan Dance and the Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra, our local library system is nationally recognized. School of the Arts is located in Rochester's colorful "Neighborhood of the Arts." It is neighbors with several notable museums including: the International Museum of Photography and Film at the George Eastman House, the Memorial

Art Gallery, the Strong Museum, the Rochester Museum and Science Center, the Strasenburgh Planetarium and Writers and Books. These valuable cultural resources, all within walking distance, enable SOTA's faculty to augment their students' educational experience many times throughout the school year.

REQUIREMENTS FOR GRADUATION

Course Credits*

English.....	4.0
Social Studies	4.0
Math.....	3.0
Science.....	3.0
Health	0.5
Foreign Language	1.0 **
Fine/Performing Arts	8.0
Physical Education	2.0 ***
Minimum Credits Required.....	25.5

Students must meet Regents test requirements as outlined on New York State Education Department Section 100.5 Diploma Requirements

**A credit is awarded for a full-year of study of a particular course.*

***A 5-credit sequence in Fine Art exempts students from LOTE requirement for Advanced Regents Diploma.*

****School of the Arts students may substitute a dance class for a Physical Education class.*

GRADING SYSTEM

GRADE	Numerical Value	Un-Weighted	AP and Honors	Regents	Local
A+	95-100	4.5	6.5	5.5	4.5
A	90-94	4.0	6.0	5.0	4.0
B+	85-89	3.5	5.5	4.5	3.5
B	80-84	3.0	5.0	4.0	3.0
C+	75-79	2.5	4.5	3.5	2.5
C	70-74	2.0	4.0	3.0	2.0
D	65-69	1.0	3.0	2.0	1.0
F	Below 65	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

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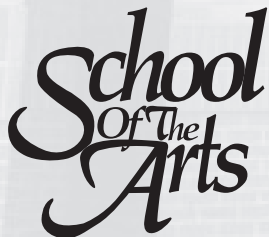
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