



School of the Arts

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FACTS

Uniforms: **No**
Busing: **RTS**
Student Enrollment: **1,160**
Foreign Languages: **Spanish**
Honors Classes: **Yes**
Tutoring/After School: **Yes**
Summer Programs: **No**
Advanced Placement (AP): **Yes**
English Language Learners: **Yes**
Health/Wellness Center: **No**
Extended/Expanded Day: **Yes**
Business/College/Faith Partnerships: **Friends of School of the Arts, Eastman School of Music, Memorial Art Gallery, Hochstein School, Writer's and Books, Geva Theatre, Lyric Theatre, Rochester Broadway Theatre League, Garth Fagan Dance, Visual Studies Workshop, Rochester Museum and Science Center, Strasenburgh Planetarium, University of Rochester, Roberts Wesleyan College, Nazareth College Arts Center, SUNY Geneseo, Corning Museum**

of Glass, Rochester Oratorio Society, Rochester Lyric Opera, Xerox Rochester International Jazz Festival, Rochester Association of Performing Arts (RAPA), First Niagara Rochester Fringe Festival

Student-Parent School Compact Agreement required: **Yes**

WHAT EVERY FAMILY MUST KNOW

If you desire high academic achievement and are interested in developing your artistic talents, then School of the Arts is the place for you. Students at SOTA carry a full academic course load in addition to a rigorous Fine Arts sequence. Each semester, students are required to participate in performances and exhibitions within their major field of study. In order to accommodate their academic work-load and Fine Arts concentration, SOTA students commit to an extended school day. Students may also wish to participate in the many athletic teams and performance events throughout the school year. Our outstanding faculty and staff create an educational environment that is safe, nurturing, and promotes life-long learning.

SCHOOL FEATURES

- Arts-based education blending traditional academic subjects with a Fine Arts sequence in one of six subject areas: Creative Writing, Dance, Drama, Music, Theatre Technology or Visual Arts.
- New York State Regents, Regents Honors, and Advanced Placement courses in American History, Art History, Biology, Chemistry, Calculus AB, Government and Politics: United States, AP English Language & Composition, AP English Literature, Physics, Virtual AP Computer Science, Virtual AP Psychology, World History and Music Theory.
- Annual guest artist, cultural and artistic exchange opportunities.
- Hillside Work Scholarship Program Director onsite to help students receive mentoring, academic support and work opportunities outside school.
- Full complement of interscholastic sports for students in grades 7-12.
- Acceptance to School of the Arts requires an audition and/or portfolio presentation.

Audition Required!

Apply directly to the school by **December 11, 2015**. Because the majority of our 8th-graders choose to stay with us for high school, we generally do not have many open seats. Auditions take place in January 2016. To ensure that you have a chance at another school of your choice should you not gain acceptance to School of the Arts, you must participate in the School Choice Lottery by **January 29, 2016**.*

* Students who apply and participate in the lottery will be notified of their admission in April. Accepted students can choose admission to SOTA or enroll in their lottery placement school.