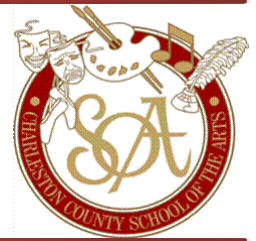


Charleston County School of the Arts

County-Wide Magnet School Accepting Students for Grades 6-12



Applying for the 2013-2014

- Complete applications must include parts A, B, and C, as well as, the previous year's report card and the first quarter 2012-2013 report card. All application materials, except for the evaluations, must be turned in together by the dates listed below. They may be hand delivered or mailed to 5109-B West Enterprise Street, North Charleston, SC 29405.
- A student who is applying for two art areas must submit two complete applications.
- As a county-wide magnet, SOA accepts applications from any resident of Charleston County.
- If student information changes, parents are responsible for contacting the school and making those changes.
- Please call (843) 529-4990 for more information.



About Our School

Charleston County School of the Arts

(SOA) offers students rich and intensive instruction in eight art majors in a unique sixth through twelfth grade setting. Students may apply and audition for two areas, and once accepted into a major, spend one-fourth of their day with dynamic teachers in that art area. Art majors include instrumental band, creative writing, dance, piano, string orchestra, theater, visual art and vocal music. SOA's students excel at the local, state and national level, earning awards, scholarships, and the respect of audience members, peers, and patrons of the arts.

Students also participate in an appropriately challenging academic curriculum that includes college preparatory, honors, and Advanced Placement courses. Clubs, community service, and unique school events tailored to meet the interests of young artists provide additional opportunities for expression and involvement.

SOA- Where Talent and Vision Create the Future!

Date	Application Step
Friday October 19, 2012	Applications available online and at school.
10 a.m. – 2 p.m., Saturday, October 20, 2012	District-Wide Choice Fair at Burke High School
10 a.m., October 29, 30 & 31, 2012 for 5th Grade and November 2, 2012 for 8th Grade	Art Smart Open House Events at SOA
October 30, 2012	First day applications will be accepted
Friday, December 3, 2012	Applications for Grade 6 - 12 must be postmarked by this date
Friday, December 7, 2012	Applications for Grades 6 - 12 MUST be received by 4:00 p.m.
January 2-5, 2013	Auditions held at the school For Grade 6
TBD	Auditions held at the school for Grades 7-12
Prior to January 9, 2013	Letters indicating selection status sent to Grade 6 applicants
January 23, 2013	Final day for 6th grade students to confirm enrollment for the 2013-2014 School Year.



Choice Application for the 2013-2014 School Year: Part A

Please print in pen or type your responses on-line. Submit a printed application to each school to which you are applying, and contact the school with any questions.

Completed by School
Date Application Received

Residency Verification Information: Only current residents may be admitted to this school for the 2013-2014 school year. Students and families who reside outside of Charleston County may submit an application to attend this school. However, ALL students admitted to this school will have to verify that they are a resident of Charleston County by August 1, 2013. Students who fail to verify their residence will lose their seat after August 1, 2013. NO EXCEPTIONS will be allowed. Some schools may have additional residency requirements. Please refer to each school's cover sheet for more information. *

School Student Is Applying to Attend in 2013-2014

Name of School Student is Enrolled in During the 2012-2013 School Year <i>(if applicable)</i>
Name of School Student is Zoned to Attend During the 2013-2014 School Year

Student Information

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name
Date of Birth	Gender <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female	Grade for the 2013-2014 School Year
Street Address		Apartment/Unit #
City	State	Zip code
Mailing Address <i>(if different from above)</i>		Apartment/Unit #
City	State	Zip code

Parent/Guardian Information

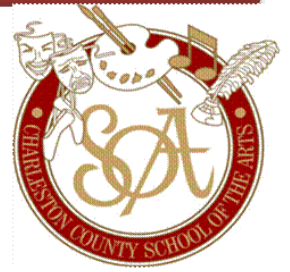
Last Name	First Name	Relationship to Child
Street Address		Apartment/Unit #
City	State	Zip code
Mailing Address <i>(if different from above)</i>		Apartment/Unit #
City	State	Zip code
Home Phone	Cell Phone	Email Address

Additional Parent/Guardian Information *if applicable*

Last Name	First Name	Relationship to Child
Mailing Address		Apartment/Unit #
City	State	Zip code
Home Phone	Cell Phone	Email Address

* Documents required for residency verification can be found by visiting CCSDSchools.com and clicking on "Our Schools."

Choice Application for the 2013-2014 School Year: Part B



Part I– Grade Level & Art Area Specification

Please check your grade level for the 2013-2014 academic year:

- 6th Grade 8th Grade 10th Grade 12th Grade
 7th Grade 9th Grade 11th Grade

To Parents and Students: A student may apply in two art areas but must submit two complete and separate applications for each art area. As a reminder, please ensure that you have thoroughly read “Audition Requirements” before completing this page.

Please indicate the art area(s) for which you would like to be considered. Indicate your first choice with a 1 and if applicable your second choice with a 2.

- | | |
|---|--------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Creative Writing | <input type="checkbox"/> Dance |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Band | <input type="checkbox"/> Piano |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | <input type="checkbox"/> Vocal Music |
| <input type="checkbox"/> String Orchestra | <input type="checkbox"/> Visual Art |

(This does not guarantee your first choice) If a student passes both auditions, every attempt will be made to place the student in the Art Area of his/her choice.

I give permission for my child’s audition to be recorded. I know that the recording will be disposed of after the audition process is complete.

- Yes No

Student Signature

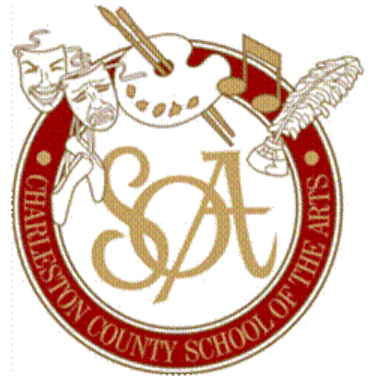
Date

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Choice Application for the 2013-2014 School Year: Part C

Charleston County School of the Arts Recommendation #1- Current Teacher



To be Completed By Student:

Dear Student:

Please provide this page and a stamped envelope to your current academic teacher. Your teacher will mail this envelope and the completed form directly to School of the Arts. Evaluations must not be returned to you, the student. You must have a separate evaluation for each Art Area application.

Student's Name _____ Auditioning for Which Art Area _____

Student's Current School _____ Current Grade Level _____

To be Completed By Teacher:

Dear Teacher:

Thank you for assisting the Charleston County School of the Arts with its 2013-2014 application process.

Please complete the information on this form and enclose it in the envelope provided by the student and submit it directly to the **Charleston County School of the Arts at 5109-B West Enterprise Street, North Charleston, SC 29405**. Evaluations must not be returned to the student.

This recommendation must be received by December 7, 2012. If the student is applying for two art areas, recommendations should be submitted for both art areas.

Teacher's Name _____

How Long You Have Known the Applicant? _____ In What Capacity? _____

City _____ State _____ ZipCode _____

PERSONAL QUALITIES:

Please rate the student's personal qualities according to the following statements.

Responsibility	<input type="checkbox"/> Cannot Judge	<input type="checkbox"/> Weak	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Superior
Self-Discipline	<input type="checkbox"/> Cannot Judge	<input type="checkbox"/> Weak	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Superior
Cooperation	<input type="checkbox"/> Cannot Judge	<input type="checkbox"/> Weak	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Superior
Enthusiasm	<input type="checkbox"/> Cannot Judge	<input type="checkbox"/> Weak	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Superior
Initiative	<input type="checkbox"/> Cannot Judge	<input type="checkbox"/> Weak	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Superior
Motivation	<input type="checkbox"/> Cannot Judge	<input type="checkbox"/> Weak	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Superior

ARTISTIC TRAITS:

Please rate the student's artistic abilities and talents according to the following statements.

Responsibility	<input type="checkbox"/> Cannot Judge	<input type="checkbox"/> Weak	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Superior
Self-Discipline	<input type="checkbox"/> Cannot Judge	<input type="checkbox"/> Weak	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Superior

Printed Name _____

Signature _____

Phone Number _____

Choice Application for the 2013-2014 School Year: Part C



Charleston County School of the Arts

Recommendation #2– Non Family Adult (Teacher, Coach, Private Instructor, etc.)

To be Completed By Student:

Dear Student:

Please provide this page and a stamped envelope to an adult you are not related to. This person will mail this envelope and the completed form directly to School of the Arts. Evaluations must not be returned to you, the student. You must have a separate evaluation for each Art Area application.

Student's Name _____ Auditioning for Which Art Area _____

Student's Current School _____ Current Grade Level _____

To be Completed By Non-Family Adult:

Thank you for assisting the Charleston County School of the Arts with its 2013-2014 application process.

Please complete the information on this form and enclose it in the envelope provided by the student, and submit it directly to the **Charleston County School of the Arts at 5109-B West Enterprise Street, North Charleston, SC 29405**. Evaluations must not be returned to the student.

This recommendation must be received by December 7, 2012. If the student is applying for two art areas, recommendations must be submitted for both art areas.

Teacher's Name _____

How Long You Have Known the Applicant? _____ In What Capacity? _____

PERSONAL QUALITIES:

Please rate the student's personal qualities according to the following statements.

Responsibility	<input type="checkbox"/> Cannot Judge	<input type="checkbox"/> Weak	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Superior
Self-Discipline	<input type="checkbox"/> Cannot Judge	<input type="checkbox"/> Weak	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Superior
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ARTISTIC TRAITS:

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Printed Name _____

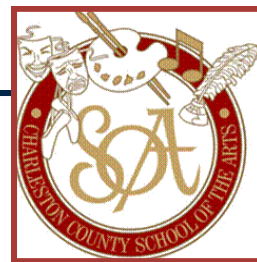
Signature _____

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Choice Application for the 2013-2014 School Year

6th Grade Audition Requirements—Page 1

Due to the number of applicants auditions are highly competitive.



Creative Writing (15 seats available)

- On-site writing sample
- Question and Answer Session
- Prepared portfolio will include three pieces of writing: two poems and a short story.
- Pieces may be typed or handwritten. Submit on white 8 ½" x 11" paper and place in a 9" x 12" manila folder.
- No artwork should be included. Portfolios should be brought to the School of the Arts at the time of the audition. The student should retain originals and submit only copies, as portfolios will not be returned. **Do not send the portfolio with the application. Please do not write your name on the portfolio pieces or folder**

String Orchestra (20 seats available)

- Prepared solo piece to demonstrate level of achievement
- Sight-reading to demonstrate ability to read notes and rhythms (Students will have 30 sec. to look over before playing)
- Question and Answer Session

Rising 6th grade: students with one year or less experience

- G Major & D Major one octave scales ascending and descending using full bow, producing an even tone and playing correct notes

Rising 6th Grade students with more than one year of experience

- Play the following scales ascending and descending using a full bow producing an even tone and playing correct notes
 - A. Violin: CM, DM scale – 1 octave; GM – 2 octaves
 - C. Cello: GM scale – 1 octave; CM, DM scale – 2 octaves
 - B. Viola: GM scale – 1 octave; CM, DM scale – 2 octaves
 - D. Bass: GM, DM, CM – 1 octave

Theater Arts (20 seats available)

- Prepared monologue - memorized piece, 30 seconds to one minute long demonstrating the ability to create a character, judged on the believability of the character, stage presence, creativity, and evidence of preparation. See website for example monologues.
- Structured improvisation - students will demonstrate the ability to focus, take direction and express creativity.
- Cold reading - Unfamiliar passage to be read aloud with expression.
- Question and Answer Session.

Dance (20 seats available)

- Group audition is in a class setting which includes teacher-directed warm-up and movement exercises.
- Question and Answer Session.
- Students will not perform a prepared dance.

Students should wear a leotard with tights or close-fitting gym shorts and shirt. Students need to be able to dance bare-foot. Criteria for acceptance is based on flexibility, creativity and coordination

Piano (15 seats available)

- Play from memory two pieces of contrasting style from classical piano literature. Bring a copy of the music for judges.
- Sight-reading of music
- Students should be prepared to play the scales and cadence chords (I, IV, I, V or V7, I) related to the pieces performed. Scales should be at least one octave, hands together
- Question and Answer Session

Choice Application for the 2013-2014 School Year

6th Grade Audition Requirements—Page 2



Visual Arts (20 seats available)

- On-site drawing test
- Prepared portfolio consist of seven works created within the past year with at least one created outside of school. (Portfolios must be picked up the week after the audition.)
 - Works must represent a minimum of two art mediums.**
 - Mediums include pencil, pen & ink, acrylic, oil, water color, pastel, charcoal, or photography. Only one photo may be included.
 - Artwork should include a portrait, a still life and a landscape.
 - 3-D artwork, such as sculpture or ceramics, may be submitted or represented in a photo.
- Cartoons may not be included.
 - Artwork should be mounted on a 3' X 4' tri-fold display board, available at office supply stores.
- Question and Answer Session

Vocal Music (25 seats available)

- Echo sing simple and complex intervals and rhythmic patterns
- All students must sing "My Country 'Tis of Thee."
- Prepared solo with accompaniment (no a cappella singing). Provide your own cassette tape, CD, or pianist for accompaniment. A piano, CD player or cassette player will be provided. **Accompaniment tape or CD may not have voices.** Solos must be limited to 2 minutes. Song choice should **not** be a "Pop" song. Folk, hymn, patriotic, Broadway or classical art songs are acceptable.
- Question and Answer Session

Students who do not have an accompanist, may choose one of the following songs and a staff accompanist will be provided: 1) "America the Beautiful" – B flat major key; 2) "The Star Spangled Banner" – B flat major key; 3) "Candle on the Water" from Disney's Pete's Dragon – C major key.

Instrumental Band—(Guitar is not considered a band instrument) (25 seats available)

- Tap and repeat heard rhythms
- Sing to match pitch
- Sing "America" ("My Country 'Tis of Thee")
- Question and Answer Session
- Optional; prepared solo piece, no more than 24 measures, on a band instrument, recorder, guitar, piano, or any other musical instrument (student must bring copy of music)

NOTE: At this level, students are not required to know how to play a band instrument in order to audition. Talent can be assessed by having a student sing and clap.

Audition Requirements for Rising 7th—12th Grade

The audition requirements for rising 7th—12th grade can be found on our website which is <http://soa.ccsdschools.com> as a separate document.

Any Questions contact Sylvia Edwards at 843-746-6381.