

School Profile

CEEB/ ACT #334835

REGISTERED BY NEW YORK STATE
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

COURSE	CREDITS*
• ENGLISH	4
• SOCIAL STUDIES	4
• MATH	3
• SCIENCE	3
• HEALTH	.5
• FOREIGN LANGUAGE	3 **
• FINE/PERFORMING ARTS	8
• PHYSICAL EDUCATION	2 ***
• MINIMUM CREDITS REQUIRED	25.5

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

** As all our students have more than a 5-unit sequence in the arts, they may be exempted from the 3-unit sequence in a foreign language. Students must have earned 1-unit of foreign language study between kindergarten and 12th grade. Students must pass a language proficiency exam in 8th grade or earn 1 unit of foreign language during grades 9 - 12.

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

GRADE	NUMERICAL VALUE
• A+	95-100
• A	90-94
• B+	85-89
• B	80-84
• C+	75-79
• C	70-74
• D	65-69
• F	Below 65

GRADE POINT AVERAGE (GPA)

GPA is a weighted average using all courses for which a mark is given and credit is earned. It is weighted so that accelerated AP and Honors courses are given a higher number of points than Regents or non-Regents courses. Class Rank is then determined from the GPA.

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. . . Student Success . . . Academic, Artistic, Humanistic.

School of the Arts is 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. 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.

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 50% African Americans; 30% Caucasians; 18% Hispanics and 2% 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, Regents Honors and Advanced Placement courses in American History, Art History, Biology, Calculus AB, Economics, 11th grade AP English Language & Composition, 12th grade AP English Literature, World History, and Music Theory.

SOTA • CLASS PROFILE AVERAGE	
ENROLLMENT	SENIOR CLASS
750 STUDENTS	178 STUDENTS
POST SECONDARY PLACEMENTS	
COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY	47%
COMMUNITY COLLEGE	49%
MILITARY SERVICE	1 %
EMPLOYMENT/OTHER	3 %

Rochester, the third largest city in New York, was the former home to Frederick Douglass and Susan B. Anthony. Located on Lake Ontario in the beautiful Finger Lakes Region, Rochester is the corporate headquarters for Bausch and Lomb, 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 the Rochester Institute of Technology, The 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.