



**SC Governor's School  
for the Arts and Humanities**

# ACADEMICS & HUMANITIES



The Governor's School's academic programs support and enrich students' pre-professional arts training. Small class sizes allow individualized and personal attention. Students are motivated to meet teachers' high expectations in an environment of respect and open dialogue, creating a culture of learning that brings the arts together in academic classrooms. Students bring their creative talents to traditional academic subjects, and teachers bring a wealth of experience that they seek to adapt to the needs of individual students in any given class.

## *HUMANITIES*

Through a range of school-wide activities and coursework, students explore connections between and among artistic and academic subjects. This gives them the opportunity to think about the big picture and why their work matters to the world.

Three guiding questions run through the course:

- Who are we as artists?
- Why do we do what we do?
- Why do the arts have value for society?

## *WHY DAYS*

The spirit of inquiry in the questions above turns designated Fridays into Why Days. Students, faculty, and staff explore these topics through readings, film screenings, discussions, work with guest artists, and a variety of other content.

## *PECHAKUCHA NIGHT*

As a culmination of their work, seniors present a "PechaKucha" talk using images to convey a core personal understanding of the humanities. Several seniors are selected to present in an annual PechaKucha night on campus.

Upon graduation, seniors earn a Scholars Diploma recognizing their successful completion of humanities and arts curricula.

## *PROGRAM OFFERINGS*

- A full range of courses offered at all levels to fulfill SC diploma requirements
- Electives in Environmental and Marine Science, Holocaust Seminar, Art History, and Music History
- Academic support staff for students with special needs
- Weekly academic assistance/tutoring for all students
- Advanced Placement courses available in twelve subjects

## **In Their Words**

*"Our teachers treat us like young adults."*

*"Classes are interactive whatever the subject, and you can tell students are motivated because they are interested and engaged."*

*"I'm better at art because of my academic classes."*

*"Teachers understand and respect what we do outside their classrooms. They are adaptive to how we learn best and that motivates us to work harder."*

## *BY THE NUMBERS*

- 100% graduation rate, with college acceptances and scholarships
- SAT and ACT scores consistently rank well above national and state averages
- Regularly listed as one of the top high schools in the United States using academic measures: *U.S. News and World Report*, *The Washington Post*, *The Daily Beast*
- Consistent recognition in the National Merit Scholarship Program with seven finalists in 2019
- One-third of school's full-time faculty are National Board Certified



# 2020-2021 STUDENT PROGRAMS



The South Carolina Governor's School for the Arts and Humanities cultivates young artists from across the state through pre-professional training in the areas of Creative Writing, Dance, Drama, Music, and Visual Arts. Students learn from world-renowned faculty who are established, practicing artists. Nestled behind Falls Park in scenic downtown Greenville, students live in a safe and supportive environment where they have everything they need to pursue their artistic passion and discover who they are as individuals and as artists. Any South Carolina resident in grades 6-10 can apply to the Governor's School's various programs.

## RESIDENTIAL HIGH SCHOOL

As a public, residential high school, students explore and refine their talents in a one-of-a-kind, master/apprentice community while receiving a nationally recognized academic education that fulfills the requirements for a South Carolina high school diploma.

Juniors and seniors, as well as exceptional sophomores in Music and Dance, live on campus for the typical school year.

Students apply in the 10th grade for Creative Writing, Drama, Music, and Visual Arts and in the 9th or 10th grade for Dance. All students choose one art area and explore various mediums or disciplines within that area with established arts faculty. Students audition to attend and must be a South Carolina resident to apply.

- Recognized as one of the top high schools in the nation by *U.S. News and World Report*, *The Washington Post*, and *The Daily Beast*.
- SAT/ACT scores rank consistently above state and national averages.
- Designated as an "Exemplary School" for 2017-2019 by the Art Schools Network.

**Application Fee: \$50 • Tuition: Free**  
**Meal Plan: \$3,450\***  
**Residence Hall Fee: \$150**

*Full and partial scholarships are available based on validated financial need.*

*\*Fees are based on previous year and are subject to change.*

## SUMMER PROGRAMS

### Arts Odyssey • June 14 - 19 or June 21 - 26

A one-week program for rising 8th and 9th grade students. Offers Creative Writing, Drama, Music, and Visual Arts.

- Students apply in 7th and 8th grades
- Program Fee: \$500,\* no application fee

### Academy Program • July 5 - 18

A two-week program for rising 10th grade students. Offers Creative Writing, Drama, Music, and Visual Arts. Students audition to attend.

- Students apply in 9th grade
- Program Fee: \$950\* plus \$25 application fee

### Summer Dance Program • June 14 - July 18

A five-week intensive program which offers pre-professional training in ballet and modern dance for rising 7th-12th grade students. Students audition to attend. This program also accepts out-of-state students.

- Students apply in 6th-11th grades and must be 12 years old by June 1, 2019
- Program Fee: \$2,100\* plus \$25 application fee

*Full and partial scholarships are available for all summer programs based on validated financial need.*

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## APPLICATION DEADLINES

- **October 4, 2019:** For Early Decision Dance
- **November 30, 2019:** For Application Fee Waiver
- **December 13, 2019:** For Arts Odyssey
- **January 8, 2020:** For Residential High School, Academy, and Regular Decision Dance

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