



School of the arts

York County School of the Arts (SOA)

SOA is the high
school fine arts
magnet program
for York County
School Division.



Meet our Teachers



Any YCSD student going into grades 9-12 can apply.





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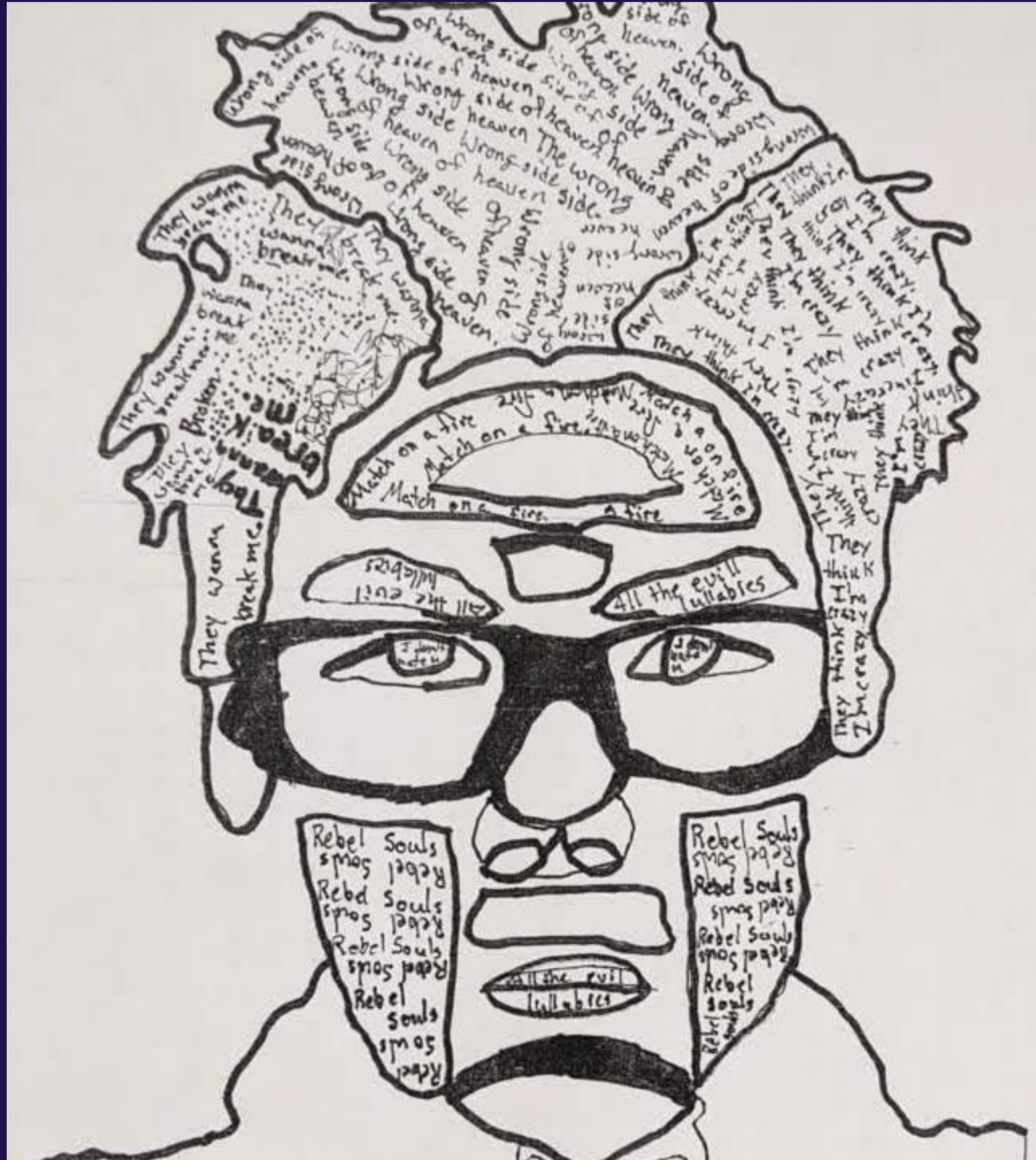
Students must have and maintain a 2.5 GPA or higher and a “C” average in their SOA class.



Course Offerings

Advanced Literary Arts

- Two courses: Advanced or AP English (grades 11 & 12) and Weighted Fine Arts Elective
- Write & study fiction, nonfiction, poetry, drama
- Individual & group presentations
- Integrations with Visual Arts & Music
- Performances & Portfolio opportunities: Literary Arts Coffeehouse, Art Galleries & LA Times



Course Offerings

Advanced Dance Arts

- PE Credit for Dance I and II + Driver's Ed
- Weighted Fine Arts Credit in Dance III & IV
- Study & perform a variety of dance styles
- Dance technique, strength conditioning and wellness, dance history & anatomy/kinesiology
- Creative emphasis in dance composition & choreography
- Swing Dance with live band, Jubilee Dance Concert & more



Course Offerings

Advanced Theatre Arts

- Weighted Fine Arts Credit
- Emphasis on character development and scene study
- Play and character analysis
- Theatre history and styles
- Improvisation, stage makeup, audition preparation, directing
- Curricular performances include end-of-year showcases, children's theatre outreach, and more



Course Offerings

Advanced Technical Theatre

- Weighted Fine Arts Credit
- Training as theatre technicians, staff, and designers
- Various off-stage work including design, construction, lighting, audio, management, painting
- Hands-on projects
- Provide tech support for all SOA productions





Course Offerings

Improvisation

Comedy/Sketch Comedy

- Non-Weighted Fine Arts Credit
- No audition required. Non-SOA students may enroll if there's space.
- *Saturday Night Live* meets *Whose Line Is It Anyway?*
- Improvisation, character work, written sketch comedy, scene structure, and styles of comedy
- Perform each semester

Performance and Portfolio Opportunities



- ***One-Act**: home performance and competes at the VA Theatre Association Conference
- **Swing Dance**: Dance students
- **Holiday Outreach**: Dance & Theatre students
- ***Mainstage Play or Musical**
- **Jubilee Dance Concert**: Dance students
- **Literary Arts Coffeehouse**: Literary Arts students
- **Directing Showcase**: Theatre II & IV students
- **Theatre Arts Showcase**: Theatre I & II students
- **Senior Recognition Night**: All seniors

*All SOA students may participate
Tech students can participate in nearly all.

Award - Winning Programs



Just within the past year...

- SPARC New Voices for the Theatre
- PTA Reflections
 - Dance Choreography
 - Film Production
 - Visual Arts
 - Music Composition
 - Literature
 - Photography
- Virginia Theatre Association
 - Playwriting
 - Costume Design
 - Set Design
 - Acting
 - Stage Combat
 - One-Act Performance

Honors & Special Opportunities

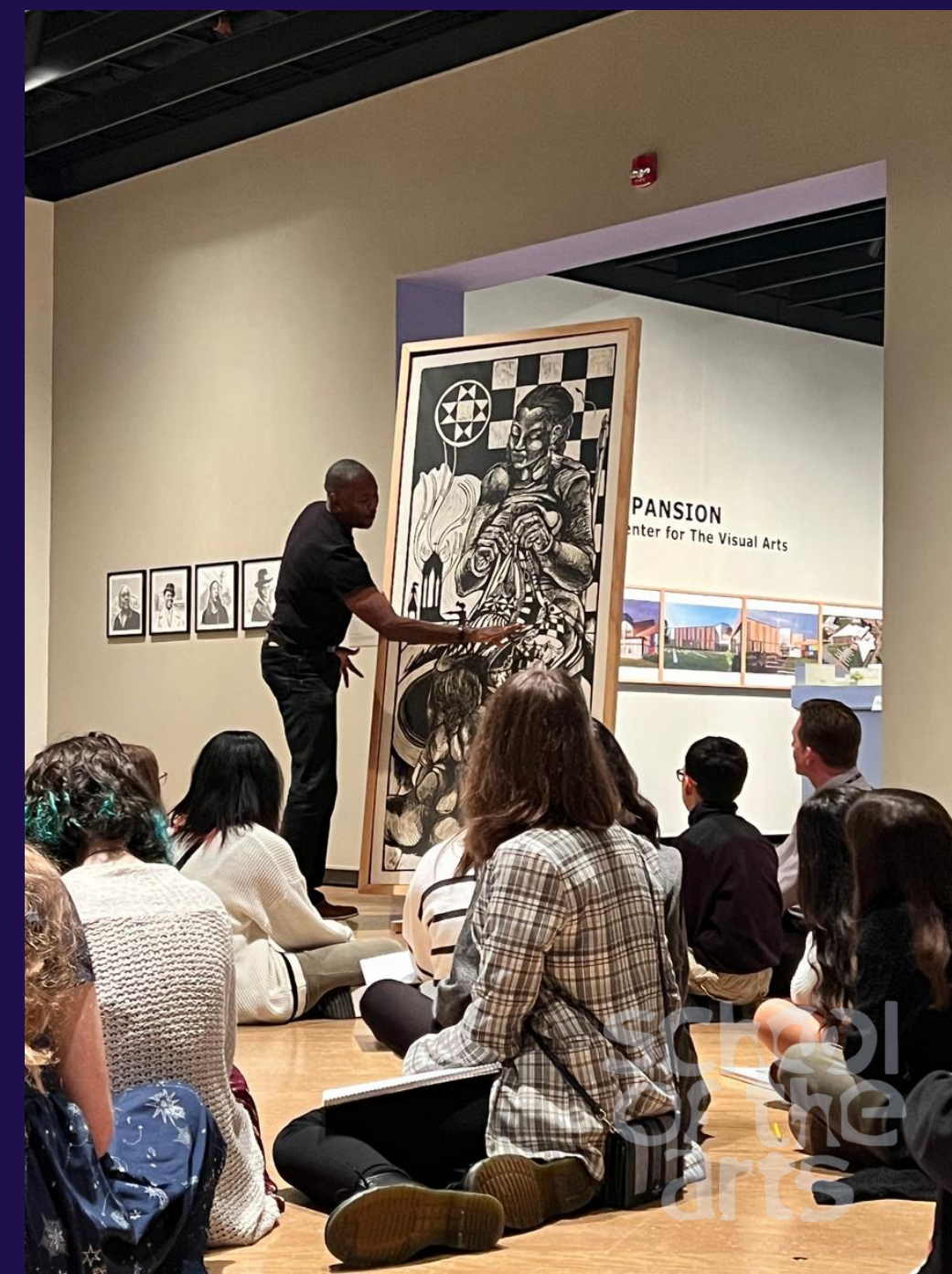
Just within the past year...

- Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade
- Ft. Eustis Fall Festival with the TRADOC Band
- Sold-out performances
- TV, newspaper & journal interviews





Field Trips





Guest Artists & Workshops





Post-High School



FAQs



How do I get there?

SOA is located at Bruton High School. Transportation is provided from YCSD high schools, but students must have their own transportation to their home high school.

Can SOA students participate in other activities?

Yes, we have many students who are in ROTC, band, and athletics. Students can also participate in *both* IB and SOA during freshman and sophomore years.

Do students have to reapply every year?

No, once accepted into a program and maintain academic & behaviors requirements, you may remain in the program.

Can I apply for more than one discipline?

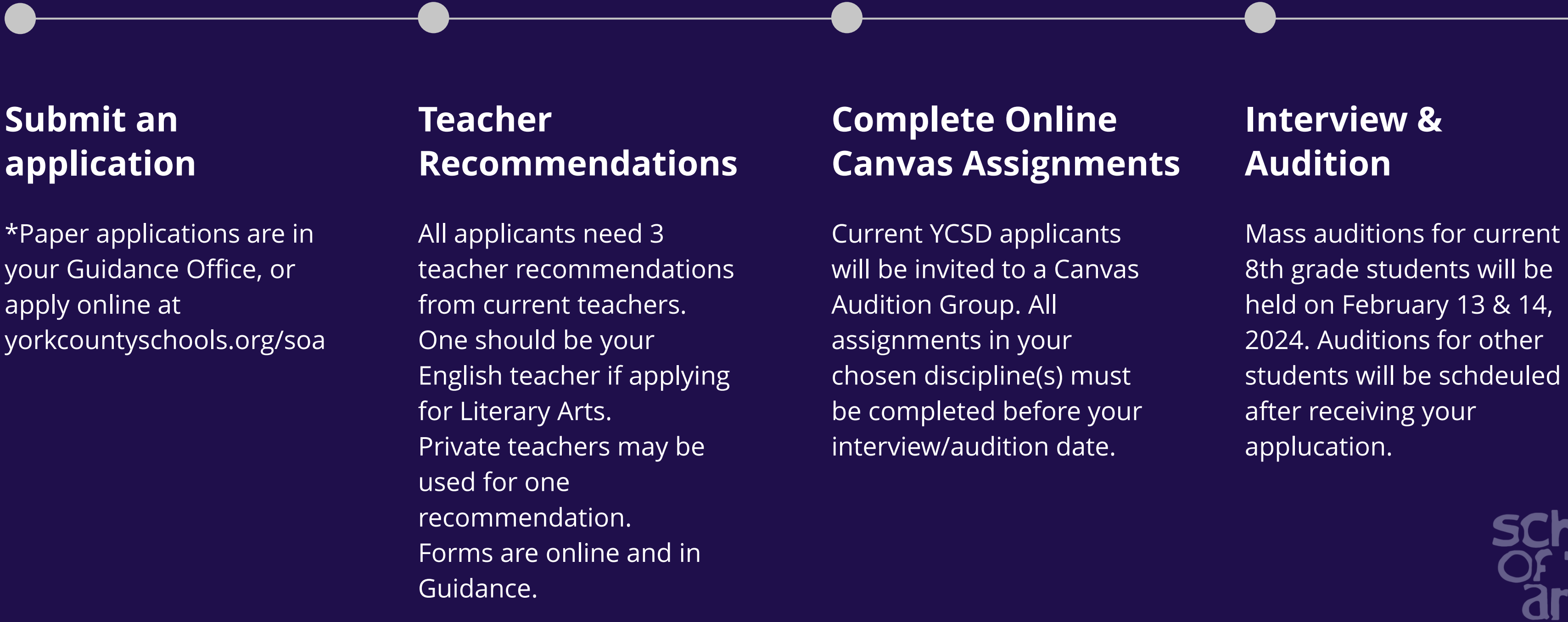
Yes, students may (and should) apply to every discipline in which they are interested. Students may enroll in as many SOA disciplines as they can fit in their schedule.

Can I apply if I'm already in high school?

Yes, students can apply at any high school grade level, even upcoming seniors.

How To Apply

*For current 8th graders to be included in the February 2024 auditions, applications must be received by **January 19, 2024**. Transportation for auditioning 8th graders will be provided from home schools to the School of the Arts for the February auditions only. Other applications will be processed as they are received and scheduled to audition at a later date.



Auditions & Interviews

All Applicants

- Online Reading Comprehension Assessment
- Interview

Literary Arts

- Timed writing
- 300- to 500-word autobiography

Theatre Arts

- Memorized one-minute monologue
- Short improv

Dance Arts

- Learn combinations
- Short improv

Technical Theatre

- Submit samples

Questions?

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