



Charleston County School of the Arts
5109 W Enterprise St B
North Charleston, SC 29405

Students Mastering the Academic Arts

SMAART AT A GLANCE

COST

Program = \$200

Transportation = \$100

There is no cost for any student who is identified as Artistically Gifted & Talented (GTR) and attends a Title I School and whose family requests a scholarship. All materials and instruction are included.

DEADLINES

Registration and payment are due no later than **May 9, 2025**.

OPTIONAL PACKET PICK-UP

Friday, June 6 from 1:00 to 3:00 PM (drop in) in the School of the Arts Cafeteria.

BUS TRANSPORTATION

Please select a SCHOOL that's most convenient and you would prefer to request a bus stop - see registration form for more details.

LUNCH

You may send your child with a bag lunch. However, breakfast and lunch have been provided to our program at no cost.

CLASS CHOICE

Choose a 1st, 2nd, and 3rd choice for a MAJOR. Your student will be placed in one of these courses.

SMAART EMAIL CONTACT

summersmaart@charleston.k12.sc.us

SMAART PHONE CONTACT

843-937-6456

Once a student is identified as Artistically Gifted and Talented, identification remains through 12th Grade. Identified students are eligible to apply for SMAART without having to repeat the audition process.

Please see the Artistically Gifted & Talented Nomination Identification Section at ccsdschool.com/vpa for more information.

REGISTRATION BEGINS ONLINE JANUARY 27, 2025 AT 8:00 A.M.
OPTIONAL Packet Pick-Up is June 5 / Program Dates are June 9 - 27

EVENT INFO

Charleston County School District's SMAART (Students Mastering the Academic Arts) is a three-week summer program in the areas of Dance, Drama, Music, and Visual Arts. Students who have been identified as Artistically Gifted & Talented through CCSD's formal screening process are eligible to apply.

HOURS

Monday-Friday
8:00 AM - 3:00 PM

PACKET PICK-UP

An optional packet pick-up drop-in will be held Thursday, JUNE 5 from 2:00pm to 6:00pm in the School of the Arts Cafeteria.

PAYMENT INFORMATION

Online payment through RevTrack will be linked on the registration form. Checks are also accepted and must be mailed to the VPA office.

Checks must be made out to "CCSD" and include student's name and "SUMMER SMAART" in the memo line.

COST

The program fee is \$200. Bus transportation is an additional \$100 and is optional. There is no cost for students that attend a Title I school and request a scholarship.

LUNCH

Students can bring their own lunch if preferred. However, breakfast and lunch are provided at no cost. We encourage those bringing their own lunch to be mindful of allergies, particularly to nuts.

REGISTRATION

Registration opens online on Monday, January 27 at 8:00 am. The registration form will be available at ccsdschools.com/vpa

Space is limited. Students will be accepted on a first- come, first-served basis based on their artistically identified area. Some classes fill up early, so please register ASAP!

Once a major area has been filled, students will be placed in their 2nd or 3rd choice major per the registration form. On the registration form, select the MAJOR class your child would most like to attend.

You will be notified by April 9, 2025 whether or not your child has been accepted into their first class choice.

Please check eligible Grade Levels and your child's identified Artistically Gifted & Talented area (s) before registering.

TRANSPORTATION

Optional transportation via CCSD School buses is available for a fee of \$100, which can be paid with your student's registration

Students must register for transportation to ride the bus.

Bus stops will be located at **CCSD Schools** across the District and will be determined when student needs have been finalized. If applying for the bus, please indicate the **school** you would like to use as a bus stop.

Please note: Your exact selection may not be the actual stop - routes are built based on requests.

WAIT LIST

Students not accepted in a class due to it being at capacity will be placed on a waiting list.

COMMITMENT

In order for SMAART to be successful, *it is necessary for students to attend every day for the entirety of the program.* In the case that a student needs to be absent due to illness or an emergency during the summer program, please contact the SMAART Office regarding the absence.

CANCELATION POLICY

Any registrations that are canceled after the May 9 payment deadline will not be refunded.

CLASS SELECTION

Students will spend the majority of their time in their **MAJOR** (student selected), while still receiving instruction in **MINORS** (staff selected).

Students should choose which class they prefer for their **MAJOR**. Minor classes will be selected by the SMAART facilitators

Every effort will be made to accommodate requests for MAJORS to the extent that scheduling allows.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Nick Nafpliotis
VPA Lead Teacher
summersmaart@charleston.k12.sc.us
843-937-6456

DANCE



DANCE TECHNIQUES & CHOREOGRAPHY

Rising 4th - 5th Graders

For young students who are newly identified by the school district's Artistically Gifted & Talented program in in Dance!

This class will be technique-based and encompass styles of dance such as lyrical, contemporary, and classical jazz. We will also compose a student choreography piece to showcase in a final performance.

CONTEMPORARY DANCE

Rising 6th - 8th Graders

In this class, students will work on developing their contemporary technique! The course will cover many different areas including floorwork, improvisation, choreography, and working with props.

We'll also be working towards the creation of a piece that will be performed at the end of the program!



DRAMA MAJOR CLASS OPTIONS

STUDENTS WHO ARE GTR-IDENTIFIED IN DRAMA SHOULD CHOOSE
THEIR 1ST CLASS CHOICE FROM THE FOLLOWING OPTIONS

SMAART MUSICAL

Rising 4th - 8th Graders

Come with us to a land of pure imagination! More candy than you can ever dream of, a chocolate river, and a whimsical chocolatier who is searching for some worthy child to inherit his factory.

This year's musical is "Willy Wonka Jr."! We will spend the weeks of SMAART learning choreography, vocal parts, blocking, staging, and crafting costumes, sets, and props for the show.

We will present a fully costumed and staged musical at the end of SMAART camp! Every student who enrolls in our major will have a role to play in "Willy Wonka Jr.", and will be on stage singing, dancing, and acting! We are so excited to have you join us!

Participants in the SMAART Musical will remain in the program throughout each day and will not be assigned minors.

DRAMA



MURDER, MYSTERY, & MAYHEM!

Rising 7th- 8th Graders

Do you like to solve crimes? Can you unravel clues? Have you ever imagined yourself as a sleuth -- or have you ever wanted to play an undercover Detective on stage?

If you answered "yes" to any of the above questions, you are more than ready to sign up for MURDER, MYSTERY, & MAYHEM!

Sign up now to reserve your place in this fun-filled theatrical performance workshop class. We'll bring characters to life, unravel the plot, solve the crime, and end the mystery!

WARNING - LOTS OF FUN AND AN ON-STAGE PERFORMANCE included!

MUSICALS THROUGH THE DECADES

Rising 5th- 6th Graders

Travel through musical theater history!

This class will give you the opportunity to learn about musicals through the decades and perfect your performance skills! Expand your knowledge and repertoire while singing, dancing, and acting in a medley of songs throughout the years.

You even get to help write the script!

MUSIC MAJOR CLASS OPTIONS

STUDENTS WHO ARE GTR-IDENTIFIED IN MUSIC SHOULD CHOOSE
THEIR 1ST, 2ND, & 3RD CHOICE CLASSES OPTIONS ON THE
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Music



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SMAART SINGERS

Rising 4th - 8th Graders

SMAART Singers is the premiere choir for the SMAART Program. Singers in this ensemble will learn skills to improve their vocal technique as well as their music literacy.

Music performed by this ensemble will encompass a variety of genres, languages, and time periods. Singers will perform a choral concert at the end of their summer experience and will leave this experience having grown as independent musicians.

SMAART STRINGS

Rising 4th - 8th Graders

Do you play a string instrument and want to sharpen your skills? Join the SMAART Strings program!

This class is for participants who already play violin, viola, cello, or string bass! Intermediate and Advanced levels will be available.

Participants in SMAART STRINGS will remain in the program throughout each day and will not be assigned minors.

SMAART BAND

Rising 7th - 8th Graders

Students will perform a wide variety of music, including pop, jazz, and classical in both a full band setting and chamber ensembles. Come make great music and new friends!

Our camp will end with a performance for friends and family showcasing everything we've learned!

This class is for participants who have already played a band instrument (flute, oboe, bassoon, clarinet, bass clarinet, alto/tenor/baritone saxophone, trumpet, horn, trombone, euphonium/baritone, tuba, or percussion) in a school band class for at least one school year.

Exceptions for students younger than 7th Grade will be made based on an assessment made by Ms. Spitzer. She can be reached via email at:
chloe_spitzer@charleston.k12.sc.us.

Participants in SMAART BAND will remain in the program throughout each day and will not be assigned minors.

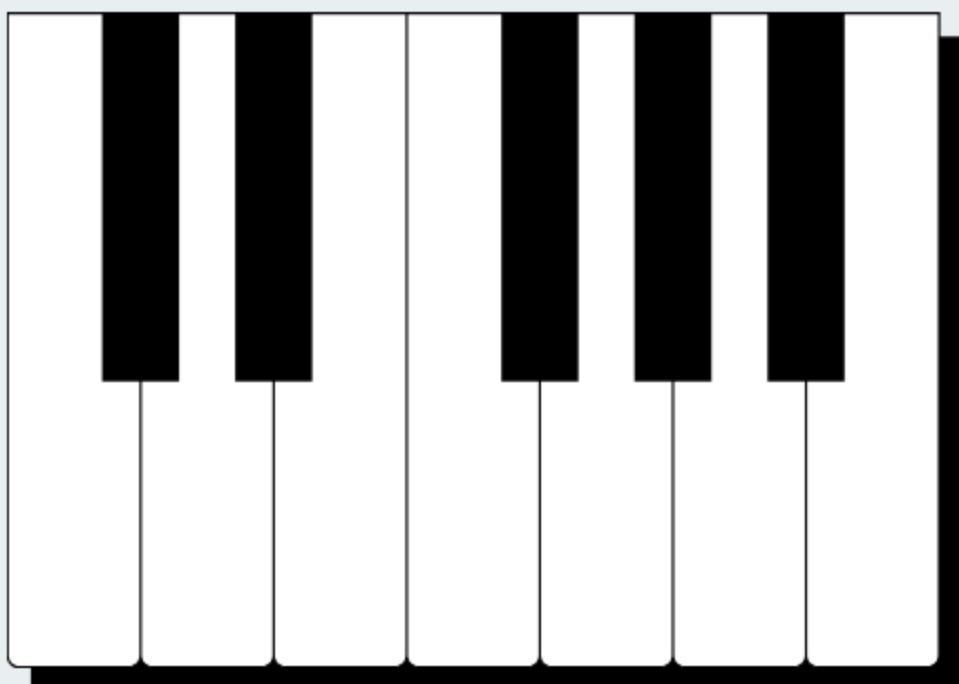
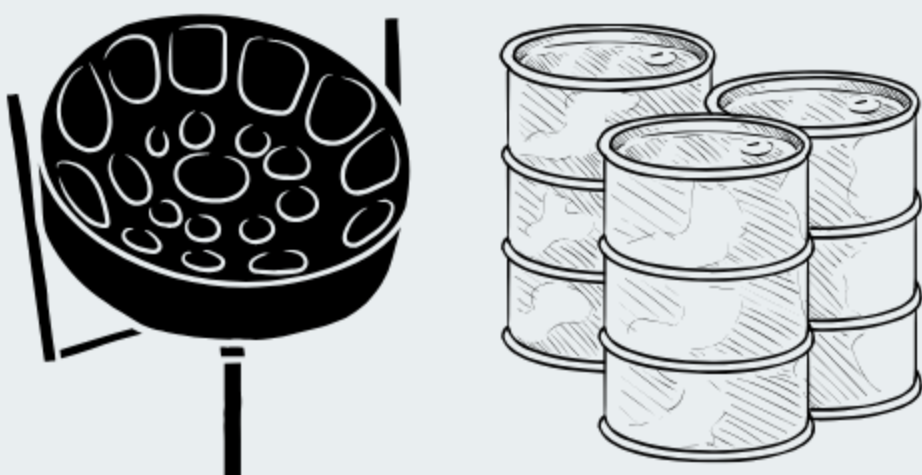
SMAART STEEL DRUMS

Rising 4th - 8th Graders

Sign up for a taste of the Islands this summer! Participants will learn to play traditional steel drums in an ensemble of 15-20 participants.

Participants will explore the history of the steel drum and learn about its construction while experiencing the music and culture of the islands of Trinidad and Tobago.

The program will conclude with a jammin' steel drum performance!



Music

POPPIN' PIANO ENSEMBLE

Rising 5th - 6th Graders

Take your piano skills to the next level!

In Poppin' Piano Ensemble students will perform with other peers in this summer course that will facilitate students creating covers of their favorite songs.

The course will also work on technical skills such as scales, triad work, arpeggios, and chord progressions. We'll also hone our skills in the areas of ear training and dictation.

Join us this summer for a fun approach to arranging and performing.

STOMP DOWN SOUTH

Rising 6th - 8th Graders

Are you familiar with the Broadway sensation STOMP, where musicians use buckets and brooms and they MOVE the MUSIC into being? That's what we will do!

If you LOVE the rhythm, if you love to MOVE, if you are constantly CREATING and making MUSIC out of thin air, THIS IS THE PLACE FOR YOU!

We will turn everyday items (like buckets and basketballs) into instruments we will use to COMPOSE and CHOREOGRAPH a performance so bring your IMAGINATION and your INSPIRATION!

VISUAL ARTS MAJOR CLASS OPTIONS

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VISUAL ARTS



ABSTRACT & ACTION ART-MAKING

Rising 4th Graders Only

Want to paint with something other than a paintbrush? Want to move and jump around while making art?

In Abstract & Action Art-Making, students will explore unusual methods of drawing and painting through action and movement.

Using materials not typically associated with art-making (bubble wrap, toy cars, sticks, leaves, and so much more!), our artists will take a deep dive into their own minds to create gestural abstract artwork.

FIBERT ART CREATION

Rising 4th Graders Only

In this course, students will learn how to create art using nontraditional materials. We will cover more commonly known skills such as weaving, hand-sewing, and embroidery art. Students will create their own artwork out of yarn, fabric, felt, paint, and more!

DIGITAL MULTIMEDIA

Rising 5th - 6th Graders

Love creating with technology? Participants will explore various realms of multimedia, including inventing with Makey Makey kits and coding on Scratch. We will also use iPads, iMovie, Green Screen, and Garage Band. Participants will engage in activities that involve discovery, creativity, digital artistry, and invention.

MAKE IT LOOK REAL

Section 1: *Rising 4th Graders Only*

Section 2: *Rising 5th - 6th Graders*

This course is designed for students who want to learn how to make objects that they draw look real via the use of perspective.

The first part of the course features drawing lessons about using “one-point perspective” and “value.” This lesson gives students the opportunity to create the appearance of 3-dimensional shapes on a flat surface. For inspiration, we will look at work created by artists like M.C. Escher.

The second part of the course will feature lessons on how to use perspective while creating landscape paintings. We’ll take a deep-dive into using foreground, middle-ground, and background to show perspective. Students will also create a “Desert Landscape” and a “Low Country Landscape” using watercolor paints and watercolor techniques.

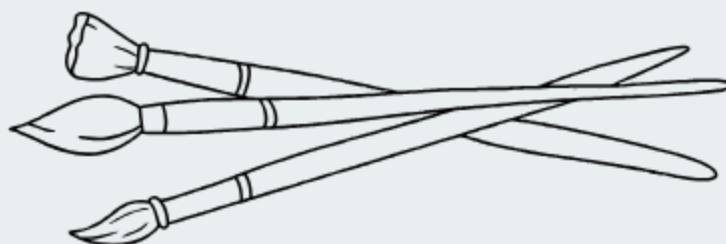
PERFORMANCE ART

Rising 5th - 6th Graders

Sometimes artwork does not stand still. In this class, students will experiment with using the human body to create art!

We will make wearable art masks and learn the basics of face painting. Some of our planned projects include calligraphy dancing, painting music, and mimicking famous works of art with props and live models.

Students will be immersed in a visual arts focus to explore its connections between dance, drama, and music.





VISUAL ARTS

MIXED MEDIA MAYHEM

Section 1: *Rising 5th - 6th Graders*

Section 2: *Rising 7th - 8th Graders*

In this course, students will be able to create a variety of mixed media works of art. Mixed media is artwork in which more than one medium or material has been used.

Printmaking, assemblage, collage, and cardboard sculpture are some of the creative methods that you can expect from this fun-filled course!

FUNDAMENTALS OF PRINTMAKING

Rising 7th - 8th Graders

This hands-on workshop will introduce middle school students to the basics of printmaking -- from designing prints to using traditional tools and techniques. Students will also explore various methods such as monoprinting and linocut to create their own unique artwork.

This course is perfect for young artists looking to express their creativity and learn something new -- all while experimenting and having fun with printmaking!

TACKLING TEXTILES

Rising 7th - 8th Graders

In this course, students will learn how to create art using nontraditional materials.

We will cover more commonly known skills such as weaving, knitting, and sewing, while also learning about the art of yarn painting and fabric portraiture.

DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY

Rising 7th - 8th Graders

This course will cover the basic concepts and practices of digital photography. Students will learn how to create a vision through composition and lighting.

No prior photography experience is needed and all materials will be provided.

