



CAPITAL AREA SCHOOL FOR THE ARTS CHARTER SCHOOL

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SCHOOL FACTS

SCHOOL

Public Charter High School
(tuition paid by district of residence)

ENROLLMENT

Up to 205 Students in
Grades 9-12

FACULTY

1 School Counselor
5 Academic Teachers
1 Sp. Ed. Teacher
6 Art Teachers
1 CEO
1 Principal
1 Office Assistant
1 School Operations Manager
1 School Nurse

BOARD

Board of Trustees comprised of
up to 12 community members

MISSION STATEMENT

The Capital Area School for the Arts Charter School will be the significant and innovative provider of multi-disciplinary arts and academic education throughout central Pennsylvania. It will attract the most talented and motivated students and will be a model for 21st century learning.

COMMUNITY FACTS

Capital Area School for the Arts (CASA) Charter School is nestled in the heart of central Pennsylvania's capital in the downtown business district. Our public charter high school serves students from 30 different school districts that surround the capital city and provides services to many students throughout central Pennsylvania. The school uses the city of Harrisburg as its "classroom," affording its students access to numerous resources that are located within the city.

CURRICULAR FEATURES

Students at the Capital Area School for the Arts Charter School are given the opportunity to receive a high-quality education while focusing on the art field of their choice. The arts offered include Dance, Theatre, Music, Creative Writing, Film and Media Arts, and Visual Arts. Students spend half of their day with a trained professional in their chosen field and are given numerous opportunities to share their art with the community. Along with its strong arts program, the CASA Charter School also provides rigorous academic opportunities. Students choose classes that vary from Honors and College Preparatory courses to Advanced Placement (AP) courses in which credits can be earned towards an undergraduate degree. Some courses are taught using a "hybrid" method of instruction, a combination of online learning and live classroom instruction from certified academic teachers. Additionally, students can enroll in dual-enrollment programs offered by local colleges and universities. *(Continued on Page 2)*

CURRICULAR FEATURES

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The curriculum at the CASA Charter School is designed to help students learn to express their creativity through their own artistic strengths while ensuring that each student has all the skills and knowledge that are necessary to help them contribute to society in a positive manner. High achieving students will be able to find the challenges that they need in our curriculum and students with learning or physical disabilities will find the assistance and course offerings that they need to succeed in school and in life as adults.

GRADING SCALE

Credit values are assigned to each course. Courses meeting daily for the entire year in 43-minute periods earn one credit each, other courses proportionately less. Intensive Arts courses are granted two credits each and meet daily for three periods. To determine quality points, grade values are multiplied by credit values.

Total quality points are divided by credits attempted to determine the grade point average. A weighted grade point average is determined by multiplying .05 by the quality point total for each Advanced Placement (AP) course.

CASA LIVE!

Students in grades 11 and 12 develop an end-of-year performance titled *CASA Live!* From the start of the year, students from all arts disciplines (dance, theatre, music, film and media arts, visual arts, and creative writing) collaborate to discover a theme and produce this "capstone" program.

Students work in small groups to discuss and create scenes that develop into fully realized components of the performance. The result? An artistic rendering of a theme more closely related to performance art than a high school musical or narrative play. More importantly, students learn the art of working together - the highs and lows of collaboration that culminates in an original performance for the community to enjoy.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

*English	4 Credits
*Math	3 Credits
*Science	3 Credits
*Social Studies	3 Credits
*Health / Phys. Ed.	1 Credit
*CASA Arts	6 Credits
*Art Elective	1 Credit

GRADE POINT AVERAGE

A = 90-100	D = 60-69
B = 80-89	F = 59 and below
C = 70-79	

POST GRADUATE DESTINATIONS

Carnegie Mellon Univ.
Harrisburg Area CC
Hofstra Univ.
Millersville Univ.
Oberlin College
Penn State Univ.
Point Park Univ.
Ursinus College
Workforce



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