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The mission of Capital Area School for the Arts Charter School is to provide students with a rich, rigorous arts-infused high school program that enables them to succeed in college and careers.

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Capital Region Arts and Education (CRAE) is a non-profit organization that provides financial support to the operations of the Capital Area School for the Arts (CASA) Charter School and raises awareness as to the importance of CASA in arts education and academic excellence in the Greater Harrisburg region.

CASA (Capital Area School for the Arts) Charter School is Central Pennsylvania's premiere high school for arts education. CASA provides an outstanding traditional curriculum in all major subjects, as well as a unique arts education where students complete focused studies in the art field of their choice. The school accepts students based on audition for entry into one of six artistic disciplines: dance, theatre, film and video, music, creative writing, and visual arts. In the short time since its doors first opened in 2013, CASA has become the region's hub for creative and academic talent, now serving nearly 200 students.



This artistic talent has been recognized and featured in local galleries and regional publications. Our graduating students have been accepted into prestigious post-secondary programs at New York University and Atlantic Acting School. The line-up of the students' annual performances include school showcases created by the students themselves, as well as a first-rate musical production that highlights the incredible talent of these amazing young people.

Since its inception, CASA Charter School's faculty, staff and Board of Trustees have prioritized the creation and maintenance of a rigorous academic curriculum. Throughout these initial years, 11th grade test scores – the only scores counted by the Pennsylvania Department of Education – have been among the best in Central Pennsylvania. CASA's School Performance Profile (SPP) score for 2015-2016 was an 86.7, placing it within the top five charter schools in the state.

CRAE (Capital Region Arts and Education) was specifically formed to provide sustainable funding and financial support to CASA and its efforts to achieve its mission. CRAE's Board of Directors has worked with the local communities, foundations, corporations and individual donors to provide the types of financial resources necessary to sustain CASA's important work in the education of its students.

To learn more about CASA Charter School, please visit our website at **www.casa-arts.org**. You will see that CASA's students are learning, exploring, creating and thriving everyday.

Sincerely,

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Sylvie F. St. Hilaire
President, Board of Directors
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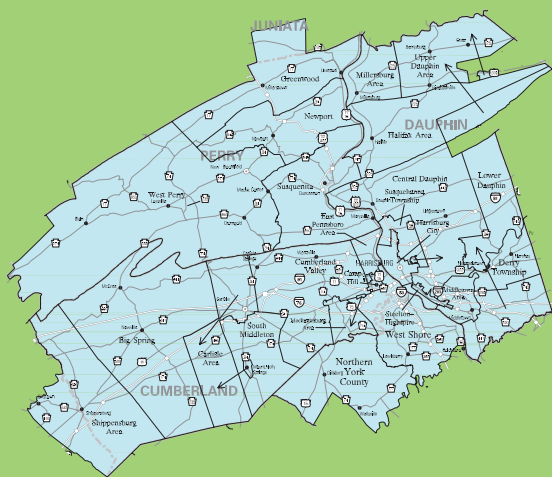
enrollment

Enrollment by Grade

Grade	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17
9	39	45	42	56
10	38	46	46	49
11	37	43	46	46
12	19	42	51	46
Total	133	176	185	198



**Talented youth come from all over the region
to attend CASA!**



We have students from 30 school districts in 9 counties:
Adams, Cumberland, Dauphin, Juniata, Lancaster,
Lebanon, Perry, Union, York

academic benchmarks

“When running a comparative analysis of where CASA Charter School falls in the range of SPP scores of high schools in central PA, CASA Charter School can take great pride in its effort.”

Dr. David W. Volkman

Executive Deputy Secretary, Pennsylvania Department of Education, Office of the Secretary

School Performance Profile (SPP)

The Pennsylvania Department of Education has published School Performance Profiles for the 2015-2016 school year. **CASA Charter School Building Level Academic Score is 86.7!** This score places CASA as one of the top-scoring charter schools in the Commonwealth and ranks the school higher than many area public high schools.

2013-14

68.4

2014-15

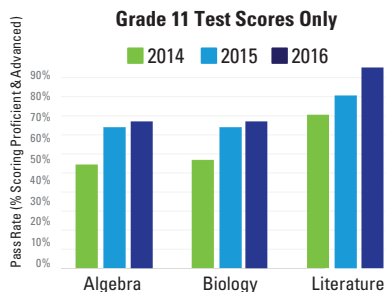
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2015-16

86.7

Keystone Exam Results

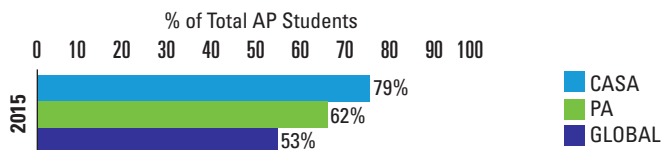
The 2016 Keystone Exam results validate CASA's commitment to high quality, standards-based instruction in an environment where all students can thrive.



CASA testers outperformed PA testers on all three tests in 2016.

The 2016 pass rate for CASA grade 11 testers continued to perform above state average in Algebra and Biology and increased Literature scores by 5.1% to 95.7%.

Advanced Placement Exam Results



79% of CASA AP test takers scored a 3 or better on the exam, which qualifies them to receive college credit for those courses. In comparison, only 62% of AP exam testers in the state of PA scored 3 or better. CASA students outperformed the state by 17%.

(This data and chart are provided by The College Board.)

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One of the most important goals of the CASA curriculum is to help students develop their talents and prepare them for further education through coursework, portfolio development and performances.

More than 90% of CASA graduates are accepted into some of the most prestigious colleges, universities and conservatories in the nation. Many graduates receive generous talent scholarships and grants to help them reach their educational and artistic goals.

Schools CASA graduates have attended since 2002

Atlantic Acting School
American Academy of Dramatic Arts, New York and Los Angeles
American Musical and Dramatic Academy, Los Angeles
American University
Arcadia University
Art Institute of Chicago
Art Institute of Pittsburgh
Berklee College of Music
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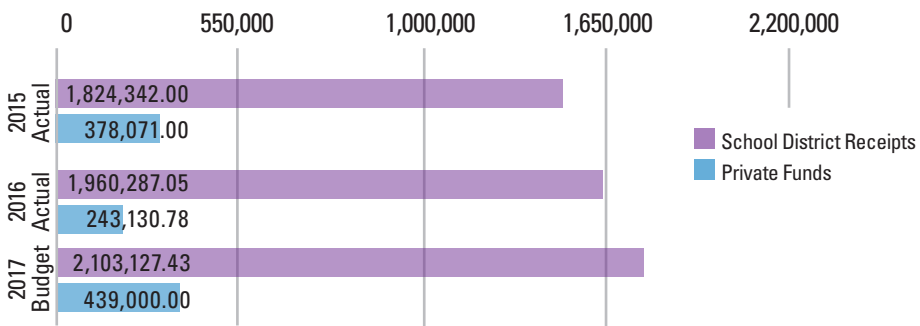
revenue & expense comparison

Fiscal Year 2016 actual (unaudited)- Fiscal Year 2017 budget

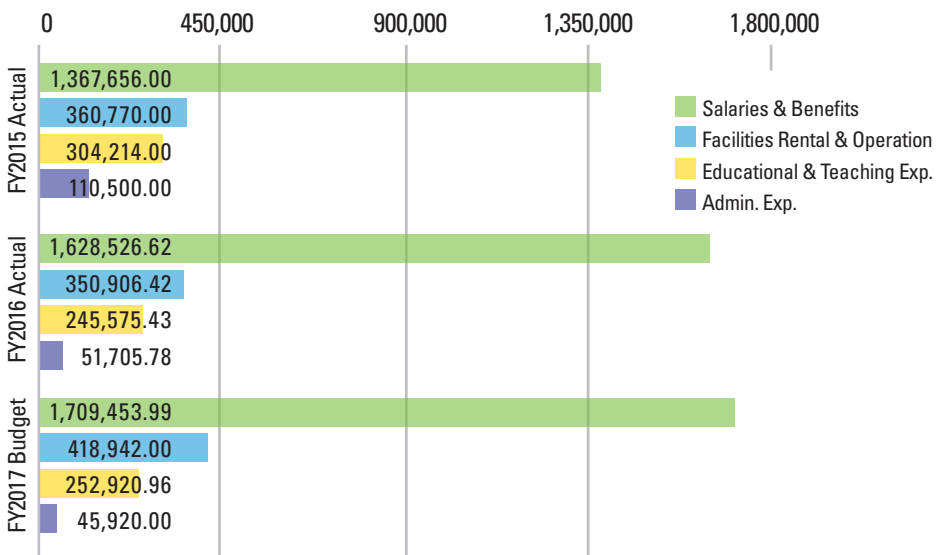
Fiscal Year 2015 (July 1, 2014-June 30, 2015) | Fiscal Year 2016 (July 1, 2015-June 30, 2016)

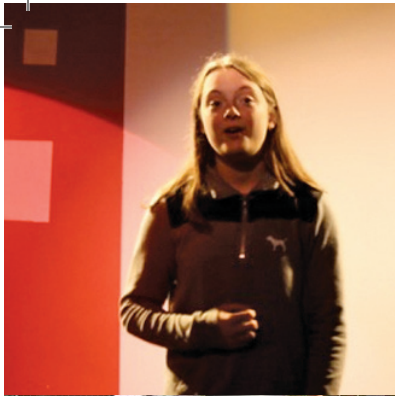
The graphs below compare actual (unaudited) revenue and expense data for fiscal year 2016 to actual (unaudited) revenue and expense data for fiscal year 2015 and budgeted revenue and expense data for fiscal year 2017. Increases in salaries and benefits and education and teaching expense categories reflect the addition of staff and resources to support expansion of CASA Charter School's creative writing program. The increase in facilities rental and operations includes rental of additional space to support this expansion.

Revenue Comparison



Expenses







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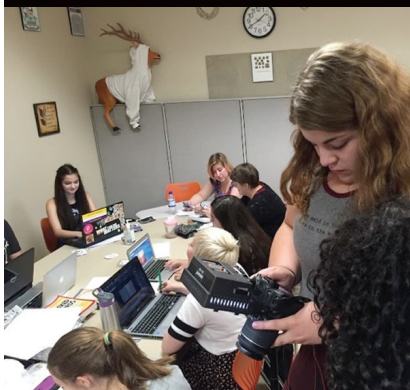
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