

Capital Area School for the Arts Charter School

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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 Charter School is nestled in the heart of central Pennsylvania's capital in the downtown business district. The tuition-free 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 the 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. Arts offered include Dance, Theatre, Music, Creative Writing, Film and Video, and Visual Arts. Students spend half of their day with a trained professional in their chosen field and are given numerous

School Facts

School	Tuition-Free Public Charter High School
Enrollment	200 Students in Grades 9-12
Faculty	1 School Counselor, 8 Academic Teachers, 2 Sp. Ed. Teachers, 6 Art Teachers, 1 CEO/Principal, 1 Asst. Principal, 2 Admin Assistants, 1 School Nurse
Board	1 Board of Trustees comprised of 10 community members

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Curricular Features

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opportunities to share their art with the community. Coinciding with its strong arts program, the Capital Area School for the Arts 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. Courses are taught using a “hybrid” method of instruction that utilizes a combination of online learning and live classroom instruction from certified academic teachers.

The curriculum at the Capital Area School for the Arts Charter School is designed to help students learn to express their creativity through their own artistic strengths while ensuring that each student has all of 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 in order to be successful in school and in life as adults.



Graduation Requirements

*English	4	Credits
*Math	3	Credits
*Science	3	Credits
*Social Studies	3	Credits
*Health / Phys. Ed.	1.5	Credits
*Arts & Humanities	8	Credits
*Electives	2	Credits
*Art Elective	.5	Credit



Grading Scale

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

Grade Point Average

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.