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Charter School

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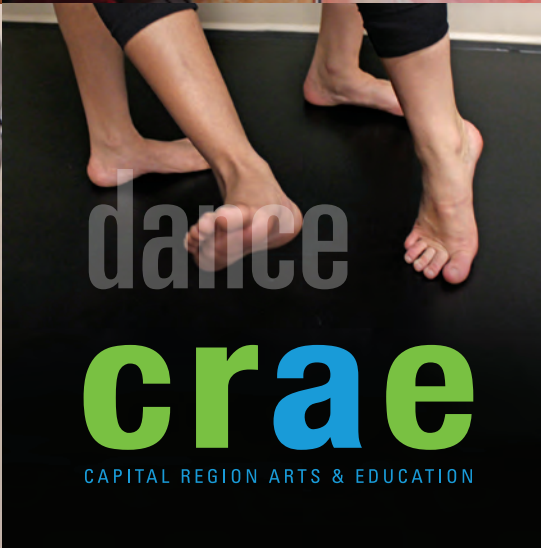
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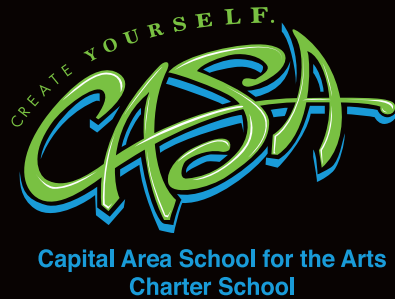
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CAPITAL REGION ARTS & EDUCATION



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.



The mission of Capital Region Arts and Education is to provide educational opportunities for students and adults in the Capital Region of Central Pennsylvania by offering high quality multi-disciplinary arts instruction, other educational instruction, professional development and related education activities. As the founding organization of Capital Area School for the Arts Charter School (CASA), CRAE conducts fundraising on behalf of CASA to close the gap between state funding and the budgetary requirements to operate the school.

Capital Area School for the Arts Charter School (CASA Charter School) is Central Pennsylvania's premiere high school for arts education. CASA Charter School accepts students based on an audition for entry into one of six artistic disciplines: creative writing, dance, film and video, music, theatre and visual art. Increases in both applications and enrollment over the last two years reflect the high demand for this unique educational opportunity. Since opening in 2013, CASA Charter School has become a hub of creative and academic talent in our region.



In its first two years, CASA Charter School has enjoyed many great successes. Student work has been and continues to be featured in many public venues including local galleries, Midtown Cinema and *TheBurg* monthly magazine. CASA students continue to win awards for their artistic endeavors. In Spring 2015, CASA added a musical to the lineup of annual performances which include a mid-year showcase and an end-of-year performance written and created by the students themselves. The school's first musical *Into the Woods* featured a cast that included students who were accepted into theatre programs at New York University and Atlantic Acting School.

Since its inception, CASA Charter School's faculty, staff and Board of Trustees have prioritized creation and maintenance of a rigorous academic curriculum. Efforts to create an academic program that matches or exceeds those offered by surrounding school districts have proven to be fruitful. For academic year 2014-2015, 11th grade test scores – the only scores counted by the Pennsylvania Department of Education – were among the best in Central Pennsylvania. With a School Performance Profile (SPP) score of 86.0, CASA Charter School ranked in the top tier of schools in the region.

In recognition of its innovative academic programs, CASA Charter School received grants in 2015 to fund the expansion of the biology curriculum from The Foundation for Enhancing Communities via its Whitaker Fund for Math and Science Education and from the Franklin H. and Ruth L. Wells Foundation. These grants allow for increased student engagement, critical thinking skills and overall interest in real-life science problems.

CASA Charter School is home for over 185 students, who are learning, exploring and thriving every day. CASA is truly a place where our students can create themselves.

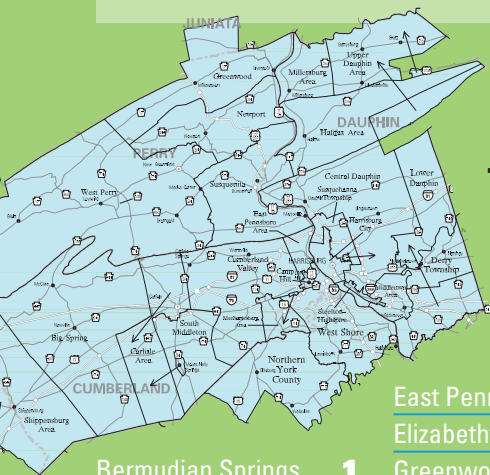
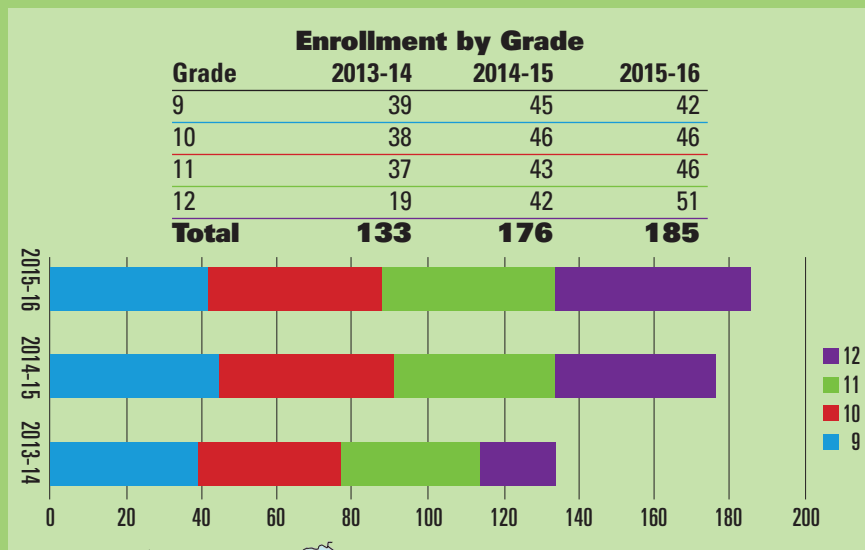
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enrollment



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

Bermudian Springs	1	East Pennsboro	7	Northern Lebanon	3
Big Spring	6	Elizabethtown	4	Northern York	4
Camp Hill	3	Greenwood	2	Palmyra	3
Carlisle	1	Halifax	3	South Middleton	8
Central Dauphin	31	Harrisburg	29	Stellton-Highspire	5
Cumberland Valley	7	Juniata	1	Susquehanna	8
Derry Township	4	Line Mountain	1	Susquenita	5
Donegal	1	Lower Dauphin	14	Upper Adams	1
		Mechanicsburg	9	West Perry	3
		Middletown	6	West Shore	16

academic benchmarks

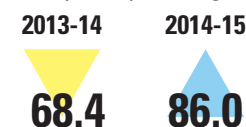
"When running a comparative analysis of where CASA Charter School falls in the range of SPP scores of high schools in central PA, CASA Charter School can take great pride in its effort."

Dr. David W. Volkman

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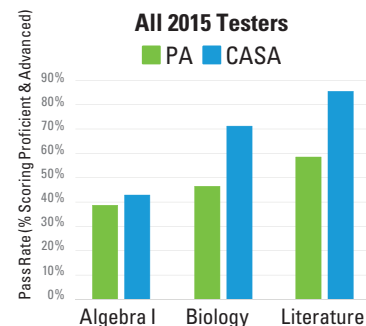
School Performance Profile (SPP)

The Pennsylvania Department of Education has published School Performance Profiles for the 2014-2015 school year. **CASA Charter School Building Level Academic Score is 86!** 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.

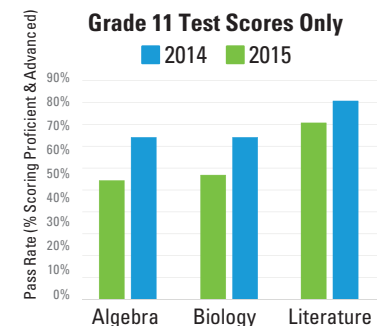


Keystone Exam Results

The 2015 Keystone Exam results validate CASA's investment to transition from online courses to live-taught courses in the 2014-2015 school year.

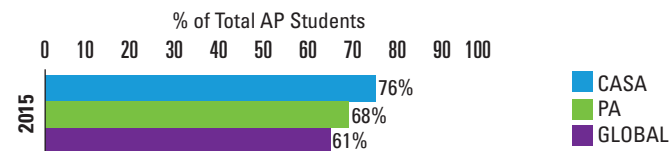


CASA testers outperformed PA testers on all three tests in 2015.



The pass rate for CASA grade 11 testers improved 19.7% for Algebra, 17.2% for Bio. and 10.0% for Lit. from 2014 to 2015.

Advanced Placement Exam Results



76% 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 68% of AP exam testers in the state of PA scored 3 or better. CASA students outperformed the state by 8%.

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



our year

colleges & universities

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

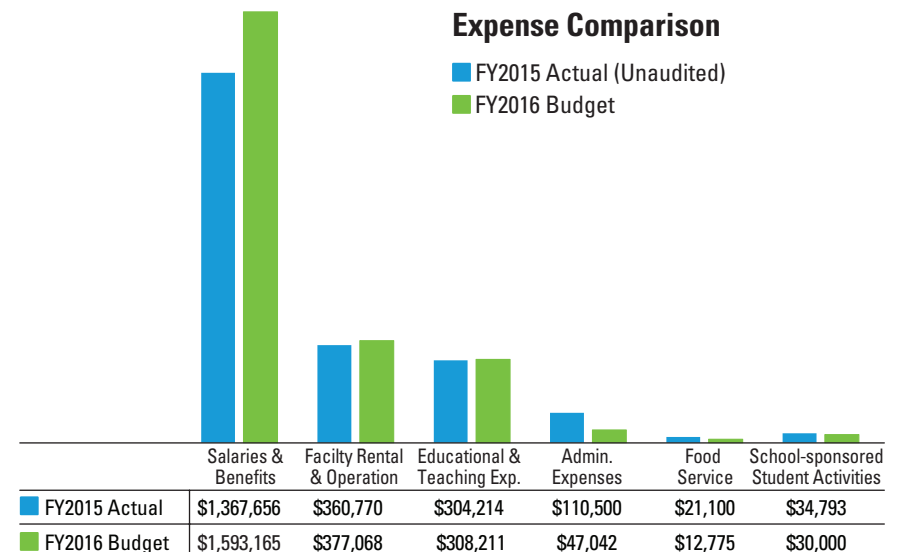
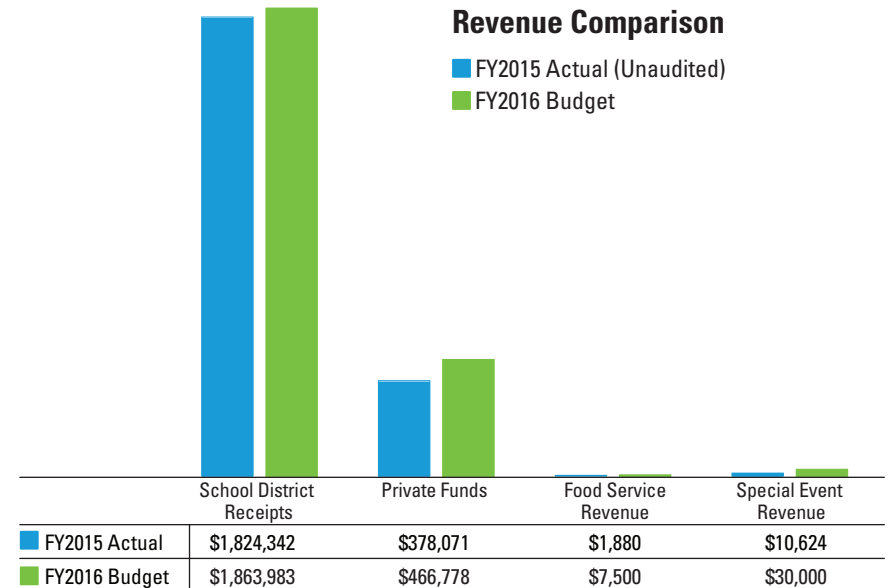
Schools CASA graduates have attended since 2002

Atlantic Acting School	Marymount Manhattan
American Academy of Dramatic Arts, New York and Los Angeles	Messiah College
American Musical and Dramatic Academy, Los Angeles	Millersville University
American University	Montclair State University
Arcadia University	Moore College of Art and Design
Art Institute of Chicago	Muhlenburg College
Art Institute of Pittsburgh	Murray State University
Berklee College of Music	Musicians Institute College of Contemporary Music
Boston Conservatory	New York University, Tisch School of the Arts/Steinhardt School
Boston University	North Carolina School of the Arts
Brigham Young University	Oberlin College
California University of Pennsylvania	Oral Roberts University
Carnegie Mellon University	Penn State University, Main Campus/ Altoona Campus
Chatham University	Pennsylvania College of Art and Design
DeSales University	Philadelphia Art Institute
Drexel University	Pittsburgh Technical Institute
Duquesne University	Point Park University
Eastern University	Pratt Institute
Edinboro University of Pennsylvania	Rutgers University, Mason Gross School of the Arts
Elon University	Savannah School of Art and Design
Fashion Institute of Technology	Seton Hill University
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Grove City College	Slippery Rock University
Harrisburg Area Community College	Susquehanna University
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Hofstra University	United States Air Force
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Howard University	University of the Arts
Juniata College	York College
Kutztown University	
Lebanon Valley College	
Manhattanville College	
Maryland Institute College of Art	

revenue & expense comparison

Fiscal Year 2015 actual (unaudited)- Fiscal Year 2016 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 expenses for fiscal year 2015 to budgeted revenue and expenses for fiscal year 2016. The 8% increase in expenses needs to be offset by a significant increase in private funds due to school district receipts remaining virtually unchanged (2% increase). The increase in salaries and benefits totals 16%, evidence of CASA Charter School's commitment to maintaining a rigorous academic curriculum.



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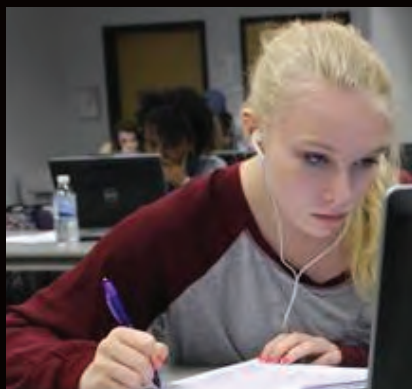
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