



# HIGH SCHOOL ACADEMICS

## HIGH SCHOOL PROFILE

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### General Information:

Founded in 1963, and opened in 1965, the University of North Carolina School of the Arts (formerly the North Carolina School of the Arts) prepares exceptionally talented students at the high school, undergraduate, and graduate levels for professional careers in the performing, visual, and moving image arts. A constituent institution of the seventeen-campus University of North Carolina system since 1972, the University of North Carolina School of the Arts has an average student enrollment of 1100 (with approximately 100 graduate students, 700 undergraduate students and 260 high school students). In the High School, students are admitted by audition to the Schools of Dance, Visual Arts within Design and Production, Drama, and Music, and receive professional instruction from artist-faculty chosen for their achievement and professional standing in the arts. The requisite liberal arts education is provided by the High School Academic Program faculties, who are especially prepared for their essential role in the broader education of young artists. In addition, supporting programs and services in Student Life assist students in their personal development within a residential setting. The arts and academic curricula culminate in a high school diploma with an arts concentration in dance, drama, music, or visual arts.

Accreditation: Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

CEEB/ACT Code: 344438

Calendar: Two semesters, fall and spring, with each academic class taught as a yearlong course. There is an additional two week period, called Intensive Arts, as a part of the Fall Semester.

High School Graduation Requirements: In addition to intensive training in an art form, students are also enrolled in a full range of college-preparatory academic courses, including College Board Advanced Placement course options in Art History, Calculus AB, Statistics, English Language and Composition, English Literature and Composition, European History, Human Geography, Psychology, United States Government and Politics, and United States History. All required units must be earned in grades 9 through 12; one unit represents study of a subject for a full school year, a minimum of 120 instructional hours.

<b>English</b>	<b>4 units</b>
<b>Social Studies</b> (U.S. History; Civics and Economics; World History)	<b>3 units</b>
<b>Mathematics</b> (including Algebra I - which, if taken before grade 9, does not count as one of the three required units)	<b>3 units</b>
<b>Science</b> (including Biology and a physical science)	<b>3 units</b>
<b>Wellness/Physical Education</b> (Dance and Drama students meet the physical education requirement through regularly scheduled arts classes.)	<b>1 unit</b>
<b>Electives</b> (including arts courses)	<b>6 units</b>
	<b><u>TOTAL:</u> 20 units</b>

Although not required for graduation Foreign Language study is strongly recommended to meet college admissions requirements.

All full-time high school academic faculty hold graduate degrees in either education or their discipline of instruction.

Grading System: Grade point averages are calculated using a graduated four-point scale.

Class Rank and Grade Point Average: Students transfer to UNCSEA from a variety of schools, many with different grading systems. Translating these systems into one produces a limited interpretation of a student's total record, as well as an inequitable comparison of all students' records. Furthermore, at least half of the students in our twelfth grade are new to UNCSEA each year. Therefore, grade point averages computed for our students are unweighted, and our students are not ranked. Even so, we will compute a grade point average for a student at his or her request, and we will forward whatever additional information might be needed to

make sure that the lack of a rank-in-class designation will not jeopardize the candidacy of our students for college admission or special awards. UNCSA fully encourages and supports the college and scholarship applications of its high school students.

**NOTE:** The grade point average is based upon all courses given credit, including arts courses, with the exception of "Pass/Fail" courses.

**Graduating Seniors:** The UNCSA graduating high school class averages 120 students annually. Typically, students in the top 50% of the class hold grade point averages above 3.5.

**Class of 2017 SAT/ACT Data:**

□ Total graduates: 125

SAT (mean scores) :	Population	Percent of Graduating Class Tested	Crit. Reading	Math	Writing
	UNCSA	60%	579	555	557
	NC		502	508	475
	National		494	508	482

□ ACT (mean score)	UNCSA	40%	<b>Mean Composite Score: 26</b>
	NC		Mean Composite Score: 19
	National		Mean Composite Score: 21

**Class of 2018 SAT/ACT Data:**

□ Total graduates: 122

SAT (mean scores) :	Population	Percent of Graduating Class Tested	Total	ERW	Math
	UNCSA	84% (108)	1226	630	596
	Benchmark (National)		1010	480	530

□ ACT (mean score)	UNCSA	18% (22)	<b>Mean Composite Score: 27</b>
	NC		Mean Composite Score: 19
	National		Mean Composite Score: 21

2018 AP Exams	Average Score	Students taking exam
Art History	3.48	21
Calculus AB	4.10	30
English Language and Composition	3.60	53
English Literature and Composition	2.90	63
Psychology	4.05	20
Statistics	3.55	22
U.S. Government and Politics	4.56	27
U.S. History	3.63	41

In 2018, 151 (of 258 total and 206 eligible) UNCSA High School students (58.5%) took 280 AP Exams with a mean score of 3.8.

**UNCSA Mean 3.8**

**NC Mean 2.7**

**National Mean 2.8**

**2018 Select Acceptances:**

Bard College  
 Berklee College of Music  
 Boston University  
 Butler University  
 California Institute of the Arts  
 Clemson University  
 Cleveland Institute of Music  
 Elon University  
 Florida State University  
 George Washington University  
 Indiana University  
 Johns Hopkins University - Peabody Institute  
 Juilliard School  
 Kansas City Art Institute  
 Kenyon College

Manhattan School of Music  
 Maryland Institute College of Art  
 New England Conservatory of Music  
 New York University  
 North Carolina State University  
 Northwestern University  
 Oberlin College  
 Ohio State University  
 Pennsylvania State University  
 Pepperdine University  
 Princeton University  
 Rhode Island School of Design  
 Rutgers University  
 Sarah Lawrence College  
 Savannah College of Art and Design  
 School of the Art Institute of Chicago  
 University of Cincinnati College-

Conservatory of Music  
 University of Massachusetts Amherst  
 University of Michigan  
 University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill  
 University of North Carolina School of the Arts  
 University of Richmond  
 University of Rochester - Eastman School of Music  
 University of Southern California  
 University of Virginia  
 Vanderbilt University  
 Vassar College  
 Wake Forest University

Class of 2018 was offered total of \$6.4 million in merit-based scholarships.