

## SSA+S Mission Statement

Sarasota School of Arts and Sciences provides a small, intimate environment of academic excellence and enrichment, utilizing community partnerships and traditional and innovative teaching methods.

## A History of Excellence

Sarasota School of Arts and Sciences was conceived in the fall of 1996 with a relevant, multicultural curriculum based on an interdisciplinary, hands-on and thematic approach. The growth at SSA+S has been substantial since its inception, in both student population as well as achievements.

SSA+S continues to earn a prestigious "A" grade from the Florida Department of Education. Along with a long list of recognitions that are both state and community wide, SSA+S is one of the few charter schools in the state of Florida to earn the distinction of "High Performing Charter School."

We are proud of our success and will endeavor to meet each new challenge and surpass expectations.



ENGAGE. ENLIGHTEN. EMPOWER.



Grades 6 – 8

Est. 1997

School Hours: 9:00 AM to 3:50 PM

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Engagement and participation are a significant part of daily life at SSA+S. We promote programs and projects that challenge, motivate, and inspire our students to succeed. We stimulate a student's curiosity for learning by encouraging a student's independence of thought, as well as interdependence in group collaborations.

#### Hands-On Curriculum

Students learn more when they are active participants in their education. This includes a 1:1 ratio of laptops or iPads in every science classroom.

#### Interdisciplinary Projects

Our students participate in various interdisciplinary units of study in which multi-subjects support a thematic approach to learning.

#### Struggling or Reluctant Learners

We provide daily learning labs in a small group environment for our students who are struggling in mathematics or reading.

#### Literacy Development

Award-winning, contemporary, and classic, young adult literature that challenges students' aptitude and development.

#### School-to-Home Communication

We stay connected to parents with weekly "Team News," the Portal, and on-line assignment platforms, Office 365.

We have high expectations for our teachers to ensure each learner has the opportunity to grow to their potential. **Individualized Schedules** allow our students to take the courses appropriate for them, without a "one-size-fits-all" curriculum, while also offering students a wide range of interests to explore.

**Accelerated Learning:** Courses earning high school credit: Algebra I Honors, Geometry I Honors, High School Science Honors, Spanish I, Global Studies, and Speech I & II.

**Cambridge AICE Academy:** The Cambridge AICE Academy features an internationally recognized college preparatory curriculum that emphasizes greater development of academic skill offerings and prepares students for the advanced college preparatory programs at the high school level.



**Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) Academy:** Prepares students for STEM-related high school programs. SSA+S partners with outside industries in STEM-related presentations and field trips. Students are exposed to real world application and career paths.

**Visual Arts, Technical, and Digital Technology Programs:** Portfolio development utilizing innovative applications, contemporary tools, and/or software. Students will work with outside professionals and multiple forms of media. Students' experiences qualify them for college preparatory programs for the Visual Arts, digital and motion design, and technical arts programs.

When students are empowered, they are willing to lead, motivated to succeed, and are more confident in taking ownership of their learning experience.

**Performing Arts Academies:** Advanced Dance, Music, Technical and Musical Theatre classes designed to immerse students in different styles of performances, execution of production, stagecraft, and dramatization.

**Advanced Performance Groups** such as Musical Theatre, Wind Ensemble, Advanced Dance, Musical Production, Odyssey of the Mind competition, Toracon Anime Convention, and Model UN Conferences.

**Group Work** creates constant leadership roles and collaborative input in the classroom.

**Character Development** program integrated into the SSA+S curriculum to promote community responsibility and tolerance.

