

# OUR MISSION

The  
MISSION of the

*Southern Delaware School of the Arts*

is to promote  
student achievement  
by learning through the  
arts.

## The Southern Delaware School of the Arts will:

### \* Integrate

the arts (art, music, drama & movement) and other academics (English, math, science, & social studies) .

### \* Employ

a child centered, innovative, professional staff who support building a connection between arts and academics as it increases student achievement.

### \* Create

an environment that seeks and expects parental involvement in the educational process at the school and in the home.

### \* Provide

a school climate that fosters student responsibility, respect, goal setting, and personal excellence.



## Progression Through the Arts

Infusion of the arts into a strong academic program provides SDSA students a unique opportunity to explore all of the arts disciplines while maintaining a competitive academic profile. The arts are not only integrated into the total school program but also support a developmental structure of its own. All of the primary students at SDSA have an opportunity to sample each of the disciplines.

More in-depth explorations continue in the intermediate grades, with experienced instructors guiding the budding talent into areas of specialization. SDSA middle school students then have the opportunity to choose the arts that most appeal to them with “majors” and “minors.”

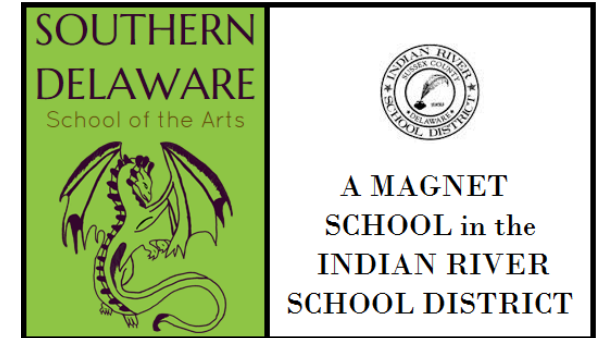
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# SDSA

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## Where Imagination Takes Flight

“SDSA provides a successful path to the future. The confidence you obtain here will help you with everyone and everything”

SDSA  
8<sup>th</sup> grade student



## Application Information

The Southern Delaware School of the Arts (SDSA) is a free, public, magnet school that is part of the Indian River School District. Consequently, the school follows Delaware State Law regarding school choice.

Families desiring to send their child/children to SDSA must apply online [SchoolChoiceDE.org](http://SchoolChoiceDE.org) for every child interested in attending. The deadline is during the second week in January. The application process for the upcoming school year has been made available to the public beginning in early November and can be accessed at [SchoolChoiceDE.org](http://SchoolChoiceDE.org). If you need assistance with this process, you are welcome to call or visit the school office at 302.436.1066.



Through the study of various art forms, the elementary students will have the opportunity to experience drawing, painting, printmaking, and 3D design. The students will develop skills and techniques enabling them to identify individual areas of interest in the arts. The middle school students will then be able to choose an arts focus to further their knowledge and skills in their specified area of study.



Students will study all aspects of theater; acting, script analysis, characterization, and directing using classical and contemporary scripts and improvisation. Creative problem solving and group dynamics will be emphasized.



Following an educational model, SDSA focuses on the National and State Dance Standards. The mission of the dance program is to provide students with the opportunity to learn the art of dance through creating, performing, and viewing it, and by integrating dance with other arts



and academics. to learn the art of dance through creating, performing, and viewing it, and by integrating dance with other arts and academics. At the elementary level, students are introduced to creative techniques such as ballet, jazz, and tap as well as character and folk dance. Creative dance experiences are integrated with classroom lessons whenever possible.

The middle school dance program offers students more intense dance instruction as well as performance opportunities. Students will study dance history and appreciation, choreography, and injury prevention.



Research shows the study of music can enhance a child's ability to learn and to think. Which often increases academic performance. At SDSA, children in all grades will have opportunities for expression in vocal and instrumental music. General music will be integrated into all subject areas across all grade levels and students will study basic skills and concepts. Students may also elect to participate in the instrumental and/or choral programs including small and large group ensembles.