

SUCCESS UNLIMITED ACADEMY

FINE ARTS DEPARTMENT

2021 - 2022 Participation Manual



Photos: Award-Winning Artwork by SUA Studio Artists

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WELCOME TO SUA FINE ARTS!

Dear Parents and Student Artists:

We are so excited about the opportunities this new school year will bring to our student body and community. This is a unique time in the world where each of us has been affected in a different way by Covid-19. However, living through a pandemic did not hinder our creative energy, but instead, gave us a new appreciation for the power of art to capture our emotions, tell our stories, preserve our history, and bring people together around common ideals and purposes.

Our Fine Arts Department continues to provide numerous platforms for visual and performing artists to gain valuable exposure to art, drama, music, and new this year – dance! Students are guided in developing a toolbox of skills during school hours and after-school programming. While receiving artistic instruction to showcase their talents, students dually enjoy the camaraderie experienced in preparing for local to statewide performances and competitions.

We take pride in representing our department and school well. Please take a moment to thoroughly review this manual and become familiar with our expectations of Christian conduct. In doing so, you will help create an environment for all our participants to have a wonderful experience.

A Fine Arts Interest Form is at the end of this manual. Please complete and remit the document with a one-time \$75 participation fee. If you have any questions regarding involvement in the Fine Arts Department, I am available to speak with you by phone at 334.213.0803!

Again, welcome to what I anticipate will be one of the BEST parts of your journey at SUA!

Sincerely,

Benita D. Edwards

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Fine Arts Director

Success Unlimited Academy Fine Arts Department Handbook

The SUA Fine Arts Department offers ongoing opportunities for young artists and performers to experience hands-on learning in the study of visual and performing arts. Exposure to film, video production, studio arts, music, dance and theater provides a platform for students to not only showcase the power of their imagination, but develop life skills, build character and garner the tools to jumpstart their career choice.

Students who choose to participate in our Fine Arts Program will be expected to follow the basic standards of conduct and to demonstrate a degree of self-discipline for the welfare of their fellow students.

Philosophy of SUA Fine Arts Department

Success Unlimited Academy believes that artistic involvement is an integral part of enhancing each student's educational experience. We seek to provide unlimited opportunities for students to study a variety of visual and performing arts disciplines and display their craft through various platforms. We are confident that this exposure to fine arts will positively contribute to the intellectual, physical, social, and spiritual development of our students' whole being.

Additionally, we understand the value that interscholastic engagement brings to equipping our students for advancement within the global marketplace. We regularly seek out opportunities to participate in competitions within our scholastic network of fellow schools to showcase our arts and academic proficiency.

Commitment

Being a part of the SUA Fine Arts Department requires 100% commitment. This commitment is first revealed through a commitment to each other. Students involved in visual or performing art forms are expected to demonstrate loyalty, respect, and unity among themselves. Gossip, slander, and negative comments will not be tolerated. Students are expected to speak words that are encouraging, beneficial, constructive, and reflective of the love of God.

In addition, we expect students to be at ALL rehearsals and performances ON TIME and PREPARED. Most shows and performances are a "group" endeavor and consequently the effectiveness of practices and performances are greatly hindered by the absence of one.

Therefore, it is vitally important to evaluate BEFORE auditions if the student can fully commit their time and energy to the component or show they have chosen.

Code of Conduct

As representatives of Success Unlimited Academy, it is important that Fine Arts students always maintain high moral and ethical standards. Artists and performers are expected to exemplify respect for authority, respect for the dignity and the rights of others and good teamwork.

Students are expected to:

1. Set an example in word and deed, both on and off campus, conducting themselves in a mature fashion and upholding Christian morals and values.
2. Always demonstrate self-control and respect.
3. Avoid the use of profanity, abusive language, or rude gestures in dealing with fellow students, directors, production assistants, and staff.
4. Be at all rehearsals and performances on time.
5. Accept awards and the absence of acknowledgment with grace and dignity.
6. Follow the dress code standards listed in the SUA Student Handbook.
7. Abstain from the use of drugs, alcohol, and tobacco.
8. Maintain a 2.0 GPA.
9. Place all artistic competitions in their proper perspective. They represent only a portion of the learning process and should not be pursued to the exclusion of everything else.
10. Refrain from using cell phones during rehearsals, shows and performances.

Academic Requirements

Success Unlimited Academy recognizes that a student's priority must be to the academic program. According to our standards, all students must maintain a 2.0 GPA each nine weeks to participate in shows and performances. Since participation in after school Fine Arts endeavors requires a significant commitment of time, parents are encouraged to monitor their child's academic progress. If a student is exhibiting academic needs, they may be required to attend extra help sessions or request additional tutoring to ensure academic success.

Attendance

It is particularly important that students are at every rehearsal, performance, gallery showing and event on time. When one person is missing, even if it is for a legitimate reason, the entire group suffers. Students may only be excused from rehearsal or shows or performances for illness, family emergencies, or pre-approved absences from the director or their teacher. Outside commitments, doctor's appointments, work schedules, etc. should not cause you to miss a performance, show or event. Any unexcused absence will result in disciplinary action to be determined by the director or the teacher. If a student must miss rehearsal, a performance, or a show for a legitimate reason, ***it is their responsibility to contact the director or the teacher*** through calling. Failure to communicate with the director or the teacher BEFORE rehearsal or a performance or show will result in an unexcused absence.

Fees

Participants in the Fine Arts Department are required to pay a non-refundable \$75 fee to defray the cost of programming materials/supplies, costumes, uniform rental, and a department t-shirt. This will exclude additional fundraising efforts to absorb the cost of costumes, lighting, set and sound equipment, art supplies, summer camps and other related artistic components as needed. **To ensure that payment does not hinder participation, fees may be settled within two payments early in the semester. Please see our Finance Office for an arrangement.**

Fundraising

Artists and performers are required to participate in fundraising events to provide for new costumes, equipment, supplies, competition fees and travel expenses. This includes, but is not limited to, production tickets and related events. Any team member who chooses not to participate will be invoiced to cover their part in the overall effort.

Each artistic component may host at least one fundraiser for their component while the Fine Arts Department will host two school-wide fundraisers. Expectations will be set regarding selling or committing to a certain goal amount for each person. Fundraising may be our Pajama Run online campaign or a ticketed event such as a production.

Uniforms/Costumes

Soon after auditions are held and cast lists are posted, students will receive a costume and or a uniform. These uniforms are issued in good wearing condition or are brand new. If the costume or uniform is damaged or lost, the student will be responsible for replacement or reimbursement. Uniforms and costumes are only to be worn by active Fine Arts participants.

Sale of Student Artwork

One of our greatest desires is for students to see their artistry as a viable career field. Periodically, our Art Director will offer the public an opportunity to purchase works of art from our Studio Artists. All pricing will be set by the Art Director and dispersed by SUA as follows:

- 80% to student
- 10% to school
- 10% to the student's choice of charity

Equipment and Play Props

All equipment, whether in music, drama, dance, or visual media and film is meticulously cared for, and stored; therefore, any students having to use equipment and props will be responsible for taking care of them while they work with the pieces or machinery. Again, as with the costumes and the uniforms, any damage or lost equipment and, or props will be the responsibility of the student to replace or repair.

Travel

Parents are responsible for transporting their child to all in-town performances and events. Students that drive may be allowed to transport those who do not drive to local performances with parental approval indicated on the Student Transportation Form. If we have any out-of-town events we will travel as a group. Student drivers WILL NOT be allowed to drive out-of-town. Therefore, parent volunteers will be needed to transport performers. Success Unlimited Academy requires that any parent or director transporting any student other than their own must complete the Driver Eligibility Form as well as provide a copy of a valid driver's license and current insurance information. Parent drivers are also asked to drive in a caravan with the rest of the performing group and follow the speed limit to ensure the safety of the students.

Substance Abuse Policy

Success Unlimited Academy strictly prohibits the use of tobacco, alcohol, and illegal substances by students at school sanctioned events on or off campus. Students are subjected to random drug testing as outlined in the Student Handbook. Disciplinary actions will be followed for the students who test positive. If a student is found positive for substances, it will result in immediate suspension from the performing group they are in. Eligibility to return to a component's study and performing will be determined by the teacher, director, and administrator.

FINE ARTS STUDENT INTEREST FORM

STUDENT INFORMATION

Name _____ Cell _____ Age _____

Email _____@_____

Grade _____ Homeroom Teacher _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN

Name _____ Phone/Text _____

Email _____@_____

Name _____ Phone/Text _____

Email _____@_____

AREA OF FINE ARTS INTEREST(S) [Participation in Footlights Drama/Studio Artists by audition only.]

Acting

Props/Costumes

Drawing and Painting

Set-Build (Props/Costumes)

Instrumentalist

Singing/Choral

Production Assistance

Technical Theatre

Dance

ADDITIONAL TALENTS OR INTERESTS NOT LISTED ABOVE

NOTE: PLEASE CHECK IF YOU HAVE ANY MEDICAL CONDITIONS OR ALLERGIES.

Yes _____ No _____

Fine Arts Fee Due: \$75.00

Received by: _____

Amount Paid: _____