

# Accountability Report

## General Information

### Charter School Application - General Information

Each year, the governing body of every charter school in Florida must report on its progress to its sponsoring school district, pursuant to Section 1002.33 (9)(k), Florida Statutes. Each district must then forward these annual accountability reports to the Florida Commissioner of Education. The information below constitutes that report.

Various sections of this accountability report include the demographic information, student performance data, and financial accountability information required by law, but there also are sections that feature pertinent information on management companies, instructional staffing, school mission, and governance, among others.

This report has multiple purposes. Among them: to provide the general public critical information on the public charter schools in their communities, to provide sponsoring districts information on the schools in their portfolio, and to provide all constituents of public schooling the data necessary to examine this growing sector of education. Most importantly, however, the primary purpose of the annual accountability report is to help the district sponsor determine whether the charter school is meeting the terms of its charter and meeting or exceeding the student academic achievement requirements and goals agreed to in the charter contract. According to the Florida Standard Charter Contract, which must serve as the base of negotiations for all charter agreements in the State of Florida, "The sponsor shall annually evaluate the School on its performance and progress toward meeting the standards and targets included in this contract, including academic achievement goals. If the term of this contract exceeds five years, the Sponsor shall conduct a High-Stakes Review at least every five years and shall present the findings of the review to the governing board of the School."

This purpose also is aligned with the Florida Principles & Standards for Quality Charter School Authorizing, drafted by the Department in collaboration with national experts and authorizers across Florida. The Principles & Standards provides that charter sponsors "grant initial charter contracts for a term of five years or longer only with periodic high-stakes reviews every five years or more frequently ..."

This report and past accountability reports are accessible at [www.floridaschoolchoice.org](http://www.floridaschoolchoice.org).

### Update Charter School Information

General contact information provided on this page will be visible to the public via the Charter School Directory at [www.floridaschoolchoice.org](http://www.floridaschoolchoice.org)

School	SARASOTA ACADEMY OF THE ARTS
District	SARASOTA
Opening Year	2013-2014
Conversion School?	No
Current Contract Dates	Begin:07/01/2018 End: 06/30/2033
Length of Current Contract in Years	15
School Address	4466 FRUITVILLE RD SARASOTA, FL 34232-1926
Mailing Address	4466 FRUITVILLE RD SARASOTA, FL 34232-1926
Principal	JODI KOPACZ
Phone	9413772278
Fax	9414044492
E-mail Address	<a href="mailto:jkopacz@sarasotaacademyofthearts.com">jkopacz@sarasotaacademyofthearts.com</a>
School Website	<a href="http://www.sarasotaacademyofthearts.com">http://www.sarasotaacademyofthearts.com</a>
Primary Service Type	K-12 General Education
Grade Levels Served	K-8 Actual: KG - 08
Is school accredited?:	No
Accrediting Body	None

**Mission Statement** The mission of Sarasota Academy of the Arts (SAA) is to provide a motivating, challenging, and creative learning climate with a safe, caring, family atmosphere. Sarasota Academy of the Arts recognizes and understands that a child's education is a responsibility shared by the school and family. Parents and caregivers of our children are an integral factor of SAA's ability to provide for the educational success of our children. SAA acknowledges that parents' involvement is an integral part of our children's success. We are committed to provide a variety of opportunities for parents to become involved in their child's education. SAA will provide students interested in visual and performing arts with rigorous academic skills in line with the Next Generation Sunshine State Standards, Florida Standards, and a strong infusion of the arts. SAA believes that the opportunity to experience the arts on a continual basis promotes and enhances academic success by building self-esteem, memorization skills and confidence. Our goal is to prepare our students to become well-rounded, confident, academically prepared adults who are able to reach their full potential as caring, confident and responsible members of the community.

Partnerships (Entity participating in creation and operation of the charter school)

If the charter school is operated by a university, community/state college, municipality or charter-school-in-the-workplace, select that organization from the list below or select none.

University

A state university may grant a charter to a lab school created under s. 1002.32 and shall be considered to be the school's sponsor. Such school shall be considered a charter lab school (Section 1002.33(2), Florida Statutes).

University:

Community/State College

A Florida College System institution who worked with the school district or school districts in its designated service area to develop charter schools that offer secondary education. These charter schools must include an option for students to receive an associate degree upon high school graduation. (Section 1002.33(5)(4), Florida Statutes).

Community/State College:

Municipality

A charter school-in-a-municipality designation may be granted to a municipality that possesses a charter; enrolls students based upon a random lottery that involves all of the children of the residents of that municipality who are seeking enrollment. (Section 1002.33(15)(c), Florida Statutes).

Municipality:

Workplace:

A charter school-in-the-workplace may be established when a business partner provides the school facility to be used; enrolls students based upon a random lottery that involves all of the children of employees of that business or corporation who are seeking enrollment. (Section 1002.33(15)(b), Florida Statutes).

Workplace

None

None

Specialty

Select any specialty area that the charter school implements with fidelity and is central to achieving the charter schools mission.

- Arts Based
- Blended Instruction
- Direct Instruction
- ELL
- Special Needs

Education Service Provider/Management Company

If the charter school contracts with a for-profit or nonprofit management company for comprehensive and business services, select that company from the list below. If the name of the company does not appear in the list, forward the company's name, mailing address, phone number and email address to [charterschools@fldoe.org](mailto:charterschools@fldoe.org).

Education Service  
Provider/Management Company:  
None

## Governing Board

Governing Board

Please provide the governing board information and review the list of governing board members for accuracy. To update member information, click Edit. Click Add to create a member.

Governing Board Information

Governing Board Name: Sarasota Academy of the Arts  
Governing Board FEIN: 460657261

Parent Liaison Name: Brett Thomason

Pursuant to Section 1002.33 (7)(d)(1), Florida Statutes, each charter school's governing board must appoint a representative to facilitate parental involvement, provide access to information, assist parents and others with questions and concerns, and resolve disputes. The representative must reside in the school district in which the charter school is located and may be a governing board member, charter school employee, or individual contracted to represent the governing board. If the governing board oversees multiple charter schools in the same school district, the governing board must appoint a separate individual representative for each charter school in the district. The representative's contact information must be provided annually in writing to parents and posted prominently on the charter school's website if a website is maintained by the school. The sponsor may not require that governing board members reside in the school district in which the charter school is located if the charter school complies with this paragraph.

Parent Liaison Phone: 9415450789

Parent Liaison Email: bthomason@sarasotaacademyofhearts.com

Name	Contact Information	Position	Status	Governance Training Provided By	Date of Training	Type of Training
Daniel Dembicki	1684 Idle Lane Sarasota FL 34231 Phone:9412541955	Treasurer	Y	Florida Consortium of Public Charter Schools	02/28/20	4 Hour Initial Training
G. Robert McLain, Jr.	311 Island Circle Sarasota FL 34242 Phone:9417356933	Chairperson/President	Y	Florida Consortium of Public Charter Schools	05/28/21	2 Hour refresher course
J Patrick Mizak	4036 Westfield Court Sarasota FL 34233 Phone:7165872524	Member	Y	Florida Consortium of Public Charter Schools	01/11/21	4 Hour Initial Training
Joseph Solano	7667 Donald Ross Rd. West Sarasota FL 34240 Phone:9415874331	Secretary	Y	Florida Consortium of Public Charter Schools	01/24/17	2 Hour refresher course
Denise Verheul	3602 Naranja Way Sarasota FL 34232 Phone:7703354247	Member	Y	Florida Consortium of Public Charter Schools	05/21/21	4 Hour Initial Training

### Lottery and Student Membership

#### Student Information

Charter schools shall be open to all students who submit timely applications, unless the number of applications exceeds the capacity of a program, class, grade level, or building. In such case, all applicants shall have an equal chance of being admitted through a random selection process. (Section 1002.33(10), Florida Statutes).

#### 2019 - 2020 School Year

Number of applications received for the report year	458
Number of new student applications accepted/enrolled for the report year	240
Number of students on waitlist	184

#### 2020 - 2021 School Year

Number of applications received for report year	480
Number of applications accepted for report year	180
Number of students on waitlist	76

#### Student Membership

Please review the total student enrollment data for February Survey 3 that has been provided by your school district for each school year. If the data is incorrect, please indicate in the comments section at the General Information. After you review click the submit data button.

2019-2020	2018-2019	2017-2018	2016-2017	2015-2016
227	235	234	234	228

### Personnel Data

#### Personnel - Staff Data for the School Year

Florida Statutes 1002.33(k)(4) requires descriptive information about the charter school's personnel, including salary and benefit levels of charter school employees, the proportion of instructional personnel who hold professional or temporary certificates, and the proportion of instructional personnel teaching in-field or out-of-field.

#### Personnel

The pre-populated personnel data below has been supplied by your district. Please answer the criminal background check and employee family relation questions for each staff member.

Personnel Information	Criminal Background Check	If unsatisfactory, explain plan of action:	Related to other employee?	If yes, state relationship:
<b>KATHLEEN BECHTEL</b> • ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT, ADMINISTRATION • Annual Salary: \$33,312.00 • Annual Benefits: \$3,888.00	Satisfactory		No	
<b>NATANIELA BRACELIS</b> • TEACHER, VARYING EXCEPTIONALITIES • Annual Salary: \$41,615.00 • Annual Benefits: \$3,696.00	Satisfactory		No	
<b>ELIZABETH BROWN-NORTH</b> • TEACHER, WORLD LANGUAGE, MIDDLE/JUNIOR • Annual Salary: \$43,056.00 • Annual Benefits: \$8,112.00	Satisfactory		No	
<b>KRISTIE BRYAN</b> • TEACHER, COMPUTER EDUCATION, ELEMENTARY • Annual Salary: \$43,886.00 • Annual Benefits: \$8,148.00	Satisfactory		No	
<b>SUSAN DELAHUNT-LOPEZ</b> • TEACHER, SELF CONTAINED, FIRST GRADE • Annual Salary: \$44,716.00 • Annual Benefits: \$7,992.00	Satisfactory		No	
<b>KRISTIN DERE</b> • TEACHER, SELF CONTAINED, FIFTH GRADE • Annual Salary: \$42,537.00 • Annual Benefits: \$3,996.00	Satisfactory		No	
<b>BRYAN EGAN</b> • PARAPROFESSIONAL, ELEMENTARY • Annual Salary: \$42,537.00 • Annual Benefits: \$6,552.00	Satisfactory		No	
<b>RENEE GARABEDIAN</b> • TEACHER, SELF CONTAINED, THIRD GRADE • Annual Salary: \$43,417.00 • Annual Benefits: \$8,100.00	Satisfactory		No	
<b>VIKTORIA GERZENY</b> • COUNSELOR, OTHER TYPE SCHOOL • Annual Salary: \$9,000.00 • Annual Benefits: \$0.00	Satisfactory		No	
<b>PETER HALL</b> • TEACHER, PHYSICAL EDUCATION, ELEMENTARY • Annual Salary: \$41,513.00 • Annual Benefits: \$4,104.00	Satisfactory		No	
<b>LAUREN HOWARD</b>				

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• TEACHER, SELF CONTAINED, FOURTH GRADE</li> </ul>	Satisfactory	No
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Annual Salary: \$42,537.00</li> <li>• Annual Benefits: \$9,744.00</li> </ul>		
<b>YOVALY IRIZARRY- CUPELES</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SUBSTITUTE TEACHER, BASIC PROGRAM</li> </ul>	Satisfactory	No
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Annual Salary: \$15,232.00</li> <li>• Annual Benefits: \$0.00</li> </ul>		
<b>JEFFERY KOLOWITH</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• TEACHER, SELF CONTAINED, SECOND GRADE</li> </ul>	Satisfactory	No
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Annual Salary: \$43,460.00</li> <li>• Annual Benefits: \$8,124.00</li> </ul>		
<b>CHERYL KORWIN</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PRINCIPAL, OTHER ELEMENTARY/SECONDARY SCHOOL</li> </ul>	Satisfactory	No
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Annual Salary: \$83,004.00</li> <li>• Annual Benefits: \$6,768.00</li> </ul>		
<b>STEPHANIE LAROSE</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• TEACHER, LANGUAGE ARTS, MIDDLE/JUNIOR</li> </ul>	Satisfactory	No
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Annual Salary: \$43,990.00</li> <li>• Annual Benefits: \$8,508.00</li> </ul>		
<b>KATHERINE LYNN</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• TEACHER, SOCIAL STUDIES, MIDDLE/JUNIOR</li> </ul>	Satisfactory	No
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Annual Salary: \$41,615.00</li> <li>• Annual Benefits: \$3,984.00</li> </ul>		
<b>CLAUDINE MARSH</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SUBSTITUTE TEACHER, BASIC PROGRAM</li> </ul>	Satisfactory	No
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Annual Salary: \$20,000.00</li> <li>• Annual Benefits: \$0.00</li> </ul>		
<b>JULIE MCHUGH</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• TEACHER, MUSIC, MIDDLE/JUNIOR</li> </ul>	Satisfactory	No
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Annual Salary: \$45,130.00</li> <li>• Annual Benefits: \$4,932.00</li> </ul>		
<b>SHARON OWENS</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• TEACHER, OTHER CLASSROOM</li> </ul>	Satisfactory	No
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Annual Salary: \$20,000.00</li> <li>• Annual Benefits: \$0.00</li> </ul>		
<b>ERIC PACHECO</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• TEACHER, MATHEMATICS, MIDDLE/JUNIOR</li> </ul>	Satisfactory	No
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Annual Salary: \$41,400.00</li> <li>• Annual Benefits: \$0.00</li> </ul>		
<b>JEROME PASCUZZI</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• TEACHER, MATHEMATICS, MIDDLE/JUNIOR</li> </ul>	Satisfactory	No
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Annual Salary: \$45,130.00</li> <li>• Annual Benefits: \$4,500.00</li> </ul>		

<b>JAMES PATTEN</b> • TEACHER, SCIENCE, MIDDLE/JUNIOR • Annual Salary: \$41,103.00 • Annual Benefits: \$6,780.00	Satisfactory	No
<b>PAMELA PLANK</b> • SPEECH AND LANGUAGE PATHOLOGIST • Annual Salary: \$17,000.00 • Annual Benefits: \$15,858.00	Satisfactory	No
<b>VANESSA RUSSO</b> • SUBSTITUTE TEACHER, BASIC PROGRAM • Annual Salary: \$2,700.00 • Annual Benefits: \$732.00	Satisfactory	No
<b>DONNA SCOFIELD</b> • OFFICE AIDE, SCHOOL • Annual Salary: \$27,009.00 • Annual Benefits: \$2,472.00	Satisfactory	No
<b>DENNIS SLAGER</b> • SCHOOL FOOD SERVICE WORKER/ASSISTANT • Annual Salary: \$9,500.00 • Annual Benefits: \$0.00	Satisfactory	No
<b>JENNIFER SLAGER</b> • TEACHER, SELF CONTAINED, KINDERGARTEN • Annual Salary: \$42,226.00 • Annual Benefits: \$3,552.00	Satisfactory	No
<b>TAMARA SOLUM</b> • SUBSTITUTE TEACHER, BASIC PROGRAM • Annual Salary: \$25,625.00 • Annual Benefits: \$2,364.00	Satisfactory	No
<b>BRETT THOMASON</b> • TECHNICIAN, INSTRUCTIONAL TECHNOLOGY • Annual Salary: \$42,025.00 • Annual Benefits: \$4,596.00	Satisfactory	No
<b>COURTNEY TIPPETT</b> • TEACHER, ART, ELEMENTARY • Annual Salary: \$44,094.00 • Annual Benefits: \$5,844.00	Satisfactory	No

## Personnel Summary

Personnel - Summary - As Reported February Suvery 3 of School Year

Staff Statistics

Staff Break down

	Staff Number	Percent
School Based Administrators	2	7.00%
Guidance Counselors	1	3.00%
Nurses	0	0.00%
Consultants	0	0.00%



