

SCAPA Bluegrass Audition Information Meeting

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SCAPA Introduction

[SCAPA Introduction Video](#)


1987 - SCAPA was established! Began classes at Harrison Elementary

1991 - SCAPA moved to Price Road in the former Bluegrass School Building

Jan. 2001 - Moved into the Current Facility

2011 - Kentucky Governor's Awards in the Arts - Education Award Recipient

2015 - Designated a National Blue Ribbon School in the category of Exemplary High Performing Schools by the United States Department of Education



What is SCAPA?

Our Mission

Artademics - empowering students through artistic excellence, academic rigor and respect for diversity.

We are:

- **S**cholars
- **C**itizens
- **A**rtists
- **P**rofessionals
- **A**lways reaching...

We are **SCAPA!!**



School Structure


Grades 4 - 8 at SCAPA Bluegrass; Grades 9 - 12 at SCAPA Lafayette

School Day is 8:25am - 3:45pm

Our school day is extended due to the additional arts class we offer.

Elementary Arts Majors meet 3 days per week. They also take classes in all arts areas one day per week each (drama, dance, art, music, literary arts)

Middle School Arts Majors meet 5 days per week. Middle school students can also select an arts minor and an arts elective.



Audition Areas

Students may only audition in ONE arts area!

- Visual Art
- Literary Arts
- Drama
- Ballet
- Contemporary Dance
- Band
- Strings
- Vocal Music
- Piano



Application Process

Step 1:

On-Line Application (DUE OCTOBER 7)

Make sure you click on "SCAPA Bluegrass" for elementary/middle school application!! ***Students must be an official resident of Fayette County in order to apply!!***

Step 2:

Parent Questionnaire Form (DUE OCTOBER 20)

Step 3:

Recommendation Form (DUE OCTOBER 25)



Audition Dates

All In-Person auditions for SCAPA Bluegrass are held in the SCAPA building next door to Lafayette HS. Virtual auditions will use an approved virtual platform.

- ***Saturday, November 21, 2020 (all areas EXCEPT band, strings, piano)***
- ***Saturday, December 5, 2020 (all areas)***


NOTE: Band, Strings and Piano Auditions will only take place on Saturday, December 5, 2020.



When Will I Know if my Child Receives an Audition?

You will receive an email with your child's audition date/time once the application file is complete. ***2020 Update: Audition Date/Time Emails will be sent beginning November 1, 2020!***

A complete application file consists of:

1. The Online Application
 2. Completed Parent Questionnaire
 3. At least ONE positive Recommendation
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2020 Audition Update!

Auditions during a global pandemic create unique challenges. We at SCAPA are planning for three possible scenarios:

- 1. All In-Person Auditions**
- 2. All Virtual Auditions**
- 3. Hybrid Auditions (some applicants choose In-Person; some applicants choose Hybrid)**

While we do have specific audition dates, we will not know until closer to the date which options will be available to applicants.



2020 Audition Update! (continued)

Our Audition Requirements are being updated to reflect both In-Person and Virtual auditions. You can access the updated document at this link:

[SCAPA Audition Requirements 2020](#)

Should your child's audition require uploading documents/photos/videos as part of their audition, a link to our Secure Audition Site will be emailed to all students who have a complete application file in early November.


Applicants should prepare for both types of audition!




2020 Audition Update: (continued)

Each student with a completed application file (application, parent questionnaire, recommendations) will be assigned a unique number. This number will need to be attached to all audition submissions or virtual session. Please do not attach the student's name to any audition submissions. In the case of Virtual auditions, the student should only identify themselves by their unique number. We conduct all auditions anonymously.

If we conduct our auditions In-Person, applicants will be advised as to specific instructions regarding protecting the health and safety of all persons involved in the process. This will be emailed to the student's contacts the week prior to the In-Person audition.



Before the day of the audition....

- Prepare any music, writing, monologue or artwork that is required for your audition.
 - Read through the [Audition Requirements](#) or for your arts area to make sure you know what they are going to ask you to do!
 - Read over the [Scoring Guide](#) for your arts area to make sure you understand how your audition is going to be scored.
 - Practice what you plan to do at your audition in front of as many people as you can. The more times you practice your audition, the less nervous you will be at the audition!!
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Audition Results

Audition results will be emailed on the following dates:

- **Current Grade 3-4, January 15, 2021**
- **Current Grades 5-7, January 13, 2021.**

You will be receiving **one** of three types of emails indicating the results of the audition:

Acceptance Email – If you receive this email, your child has qualified for placement at SCAPA and is being offered a spot beginning in the 2021-2022 school year. The Email will detail how you are to accept or decline the placement offer and will have a deadline for responding to the offer of placement. The deadline is strictly enforced! Included in this Email will be the arts area in which the child has been accepted and the student's audition score.




Audition Results (con't)

Waiting List Email – If you receive this email, your child has qualified for placement at SCAPA but is NOT being offered a spot at this time due to all available spots being currently filled. Included in this Email is your child's audition score and their specific place on the waiting list.

Note that the waiting list is kept *by individual arts area* and **is not** an overall program waiting list. Therefore, if your child is, for example, #3 on the waiting list in Drama, then they are #3 on the waiting list only in Drama.

Students on the waiting list are eligible for openings that **may** occur during the 2021-2022 school year but there is no guarantee whether or not an opening will occur. Students being offered placement who are waiting list students will be contacted via phone call and/or email if a placement offer is to be made. Calling in and checking does not impact decisions.



Audition Results (con't)

Did Not Qualify Email – If you receive this email, your child did not qualify for placement at SCAPA and will not be under consideration should openings occur. The overall score of this child's audition was not high enough to enable them to be eligible for SCAPA at this time. Included in this Email is your child's audition score and the cutoff score for eligibility in the arts area in which they auditioned.

While this means that SCAPA will not be an option for them during the 2021-2022 school year, those students should continue to pursue their arts area and not see this as an indicator of lack of ability. There are numerous students who are very talented who just did not show giftedness in their arts area on the day of audition.



Do I need to reapply next year?

If your child receives a **Waiting List Email** or a **Did Not Qualify Email** and you want them to be under consideration for the 2022-2023 school year, the next application window will be August 15, 2021 – October 7, 2022. The entire process is the same and all new applications, parent questionnaires and recommendations will have to be gathered for the new application season.

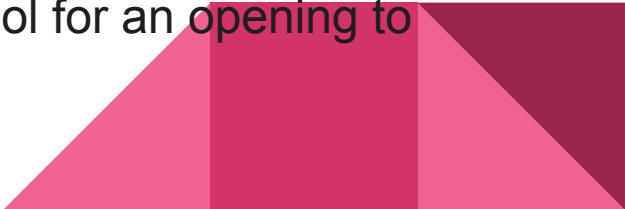
Students must reapply each year for consideration if they are not offered placement.

We do not keep waiting lists year to year.



How many openings are there at SCAPA?

The number of available slots, by next year's grade level, is as follows:


- 4th grade – 54 (6 in each of the nine arts areas)
 - 5th grade – 0 (a current student must leave the school for an opening to occur)
 - 6th grade – 2 (for the entire grade level, NOT per arts area - the top two scoring students, regardless of arts area, will be offered those two spots)
 - 7th grade – 0 (a current student must leave the school for an opening to occur)
 - 8th grade – 0 (a current student must leave the school for an opening to occur)
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Common Questions

Is there bus transportation to SCAPA? Yes! We have pickup points all over Fayette County. Transportation requests will be gathered once the acceptances are confirmed and that information will be forwarded to the transportation department. They will create the bus routes and will publicize them around August 1st.

I don't live in Fayette County. Can my child apply to SCAPA? Sorry, but the answer is no. SCAPA is only an option for residents of Fayette County.

How many students apply each year? Every year is different; however, we average 300-400 applicants per year.



Common Questions (con't)

How do I decide on the arts area for my child's audition? Talk to your child, their teachers, friends, family. Only your family can determine the area.

Can I come and visit the school during the school day? Visitors are welcome to self-tour our school. However, we ask that you respect the learning environment and not ask questions of teachers who are with students.

Is there an after school care program? SCAPA does not have an after school care program.

How early can I drop off my child at school? 7:30am



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