

# PILLAR #4- FINE & PERFORMING ARTS



The Great Lakes Visual and Performing Arts Academy (GLVPAA) was established to offer every child access to a well-rounded education that includes the arts. The Fine Arts Pillar Transformation Plan for the 2018-19 school year includes many goals that allow Sandusky City Schools (SCS) students to experience personal growth in all of the arts from the elementary level through high school.

Thanks to the recent renovations completed in the arts facilities, our programs are better able to meet the needs of our students. The new dance studio is now equipped with floor-to-ceiling mirrors, designed to enable students to self-correct body posture and placement. The concrete floor has been replaced with sprung flooring, which acts as a shock absorber, enhances performance and greatly reduces risk of injury.

The designation of a separate Theatre and Dance room also allows the spaces to be used to their full potential without taking time to move chairs and mirrors to accommodate a change in subjects throughout the day. State-of-the-art improvements have been made to the SHS auditorium lighting and sound equipment, which will allow our students to present their talents in a more professional manner to their audience and our community.

The recent hiring of a district Marketing and Communications Specialist will help the Arts Academy relay information regarding all of the positive activities and opportunities offered at GLVPAA to SCS students, staff and the community.

Our elementary after-school arts program is designed to enrich the established elementary arts programs and introduce these students to dance, theatre, and new instrumental arts opportunities at a younger age, giving them a background that will better prepare them to be competitive in both college programs and professional career opportunities.

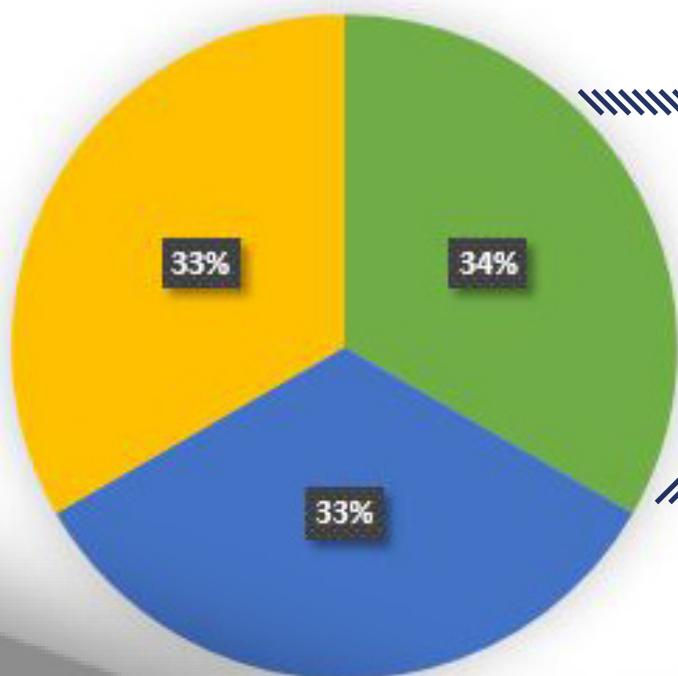
The launch of the Jr. Arts Academy is a long-awaited opportunity to help identify students with gifted abilities in the arts at a young age, designed to prepare them for accelerated education beginning in third grade in all disciplines of the arts – an opportunity which is not offered anywhere else in the surrounding area.

Our summer offerings are an excellent way to provide students with serious interest in the arts with activities to explore their creativity and advance their abilities prior to the next school year. These programs also serve as a tool to recruit new students into the high school and the arts programs in our district.

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## HIGHLIGHTS:

- Increase in funding for the arts, elementary through high school for instruments, materials and facilities
- Completion of a fully functional Dance studio
- Designation of a Theatre classroom
- Auditorium updates and repairs
- Designation of a Marketing and Communications Specialist
- Four Summer arts disciplines offered to students: Band, Visual Art, Dance & Theatre
- New Jr. Arts Academy After-School Program



## GOAL STATUS:

8/24	Completed	33.33%
8/24	In Progress	33.33%
8/24	Not Started	33.33%