ARTSALBEMARLE

SCHOOL OF THE ARTS

Frequently Asked Questions

Class Locations

Where are the classes held?

-All classes at AOA School of the Arts will be held in two locations; the Arts of the Albemarle main building (516 E. Main St.) and The AOA Studio (115 N. Poindexter St.)

-Within the main building we have The Twiford Room, located on the third floor, which will be designated for all Visual Arts, Theatre Foundations and Voice classes.

-The AOA Studio will be utilized for Combo, Musical Theater Dance and River City Strings.

Are there multiple locations for classes, and if so, how can I find out the specific location for my child's class?

-As stated above, classes have been given a designated space that will remain through the duration of the semester. If there is a location change, you will be contacted before that class starts.

Is there any additional information about the facilities where classes are conducted? *-Remember, that this is a space to learn and grow within your creativity. We want to ensure a clean space at all times for students and staff. Visitors come in from time to time and we want to make sure that we are keeping our space presentable.*

Class Schedule

What time does my child's class start and end?

-Your child's class schedule start and end time will be detailed in schedule sent via email after registration completion.

Where can I find the schedule for my child's classes?

-You can find your child's class schedule via email and posted within our facilities; AOA Main Building and The AOA Studio

Is there a specific time for pick up and drop off related to the class schedule?

-We ask that parents/guardians arrive 10 minutes before their child's last class of the day ends. If your child is in any other program within AOA or AOA School of the Arts that ends later than classes, plan to pick them up once that program is complete.

Materials for Class

What does my child need to bring for their classes?

-With AOA School of the Arts offering classes of many varieties, there are specific items that may need to be acquired based on class type. Those things will be specified during sign up for whichever class you choose. In general, we recommend that students bring a water bottle, clothes you can move in (no jeans, snack to be consumed during allotted break time in designated spaces and a folder for important materials pertaining to that class.

Are there any specific dress codes or supply requirements?

-At AOA School of the Arts, we highly request that students arrive for class in movable clothing for dance and theatre classes, especially. Please refrain from wearing jeans or restricting clothing, as not to stunt any movement required from teachings or rehearsals.

Class Enrollment:

How late in a semester can a child enroll in a class?

-Enrollment for the Fall 2023 semester at AOA School of the Arts will remain open until September 18th, 2023.

Note: Classes begin September 11, 2023.

Is there a specific enrollment period, or can students join at any time during the semester?

-The enrollment period for AOA School of the Arts opens on August 4th, 2023, and closes on September 18th, 2023. Any student looking to enroll after the closing date should plan to enroll in the school for the following spring semester.

If my child is enrolled in School of the Arts, do they also have to be in Center Players? -Students of AOA School of the Arts are not required to participate in Center Players. Note: To audition for any Center Players production, you must be enrolled in at least one class at AOA School of the Arts.

If my child wants to audition for Center Players, do they have to be in AOA School of the Arts?

-It is not required for your child to be enrolled in AOA School of the Arts; however, it is strongly recommended.

How many classes can I enroll in during registration?

-You have the freedom to enroll in as many as one or all classes, as desired. We highly recommend enrolling in dance, acting and voice, especially if you are planning to audition for a Center Players production.

Supervision/Spaces for In Between Classes and Rehearsals:

What supervision is provided for students in between classes and rehearsals?

-We ensure that your child is under the supervision of our entrusted instructors from the time of drop off to the time of pick up. If your child has a class in another building the instructor will wait until all belongings are gathered and will walk the group over to their next class.

Drop Off/Pick Up Procedures:

How does drop off and pick up work for students?

-We will have a sole drop off spot for all classes and rehearsals at AOA School of the Arts. Use the main entrance to the main building for drop-off/pick-up at 516 E. Main Street. We will have instructors, AOA administration and volunteers in the front lobby there to supervise your child for pick-up and drop-off.

Are there any specific rules or guidelines for drop off and pick up?

-We ask that approved parents/guardians on our list walk to the AOA front doors to pick up their student from their last class of the day. A SOA instructor will supervise all students for drop off/pick up until the last student has arrived or left for the day.