



**ACPA**

ARTS & COLLEGE  
PREPARATORY ACADEMY

# ANNUAL REPORT

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2022-2023

# WHO WE ARE

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The Arts & College Preparatory Academy (ACPA) is an independent public community high school in Columbus. Our mission—our passion—is to actively maintain a climate and culture that is based on a trailblazing arts and college prep curriculum in an environment that is safe, inclusive, and progressive for all our students and staff.

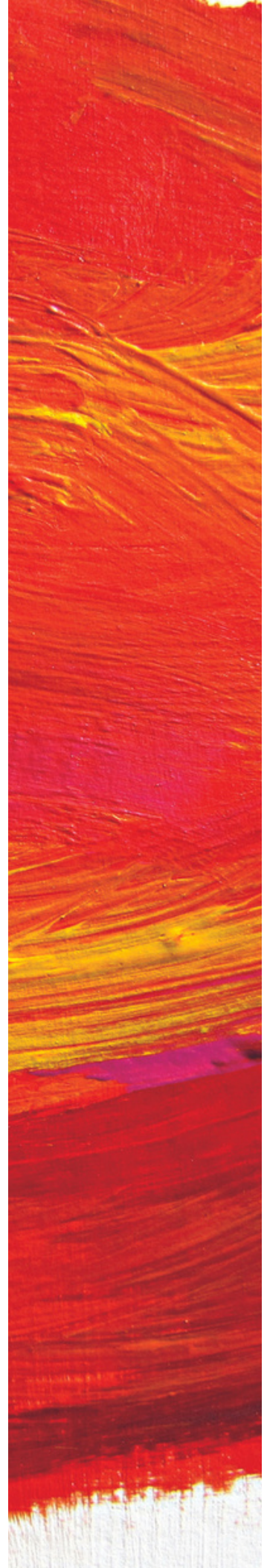
ACPA provides a tuition-free college preparatory education to approximately 500 7th-12th graders representing more than twenty different districts in Central Ohio. ACPA proudly welcomes students from all socio-economic, racial, and religious backgrounds, and of all genders and sexual orientations.

ACPA provides an arts-focused curriculum and believes in recognizing student voice to make a positive contribution to the greater community. Combined, these principles encourage student investment in their own education. ACPA teachers serve varied learning styles and foster creative problem solving skills essential to student achievement and effective communication.

# ENROLLMENT

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Grade 7	44
Grade 8	50
Grade 9	100
Grade 10	105
Grade 11	86
Grade 12	83
Total	468





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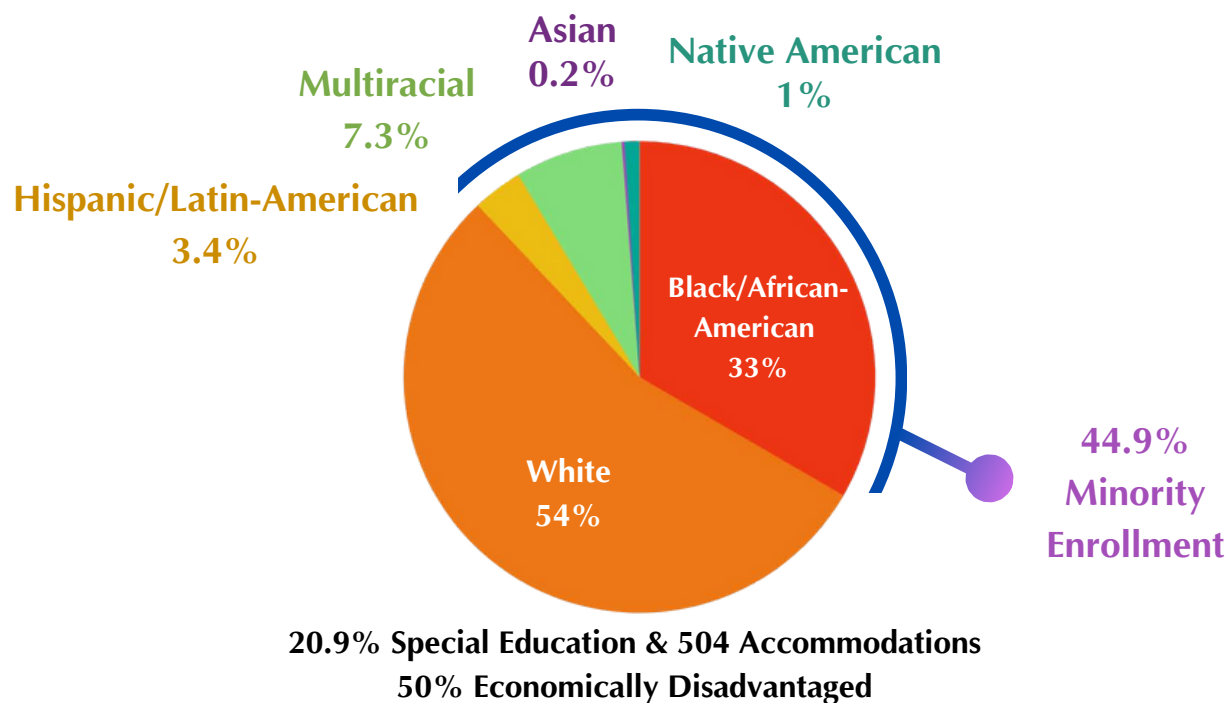




## DIVERSITY AT ACPA

**The demographics of the student body are diverse;**

ACPA proudly welcomes students of all socio-economic, racial, and religious backgrounds, and of all genders and sexual orientations.



**64.2%**

Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual,  
Queer, Questioning, or  
Asexual

**22.7%**

Transgender,  
Non-Binary, or  
Agender



ACPA respects





## 2023 REPORT CARD

### ACHIEVEMENT



This is measured using performance data from Ohio's State Tests.

### PROGRESS



This is measured by comparing students' academic performance to the expected growth on Ohio's State Tests.

### GAP CLOSING



This reflects how well students are meeting expectations in English language arts, math, and graduation performance. This also shows how schools are helping reduce chronic absenteeism, identifying and serving gifted students, and increasing language proficiency.

### GRADUATION



This measures ACPA's four and five-year graduation rate.



ACPA's full 2023 Report Card can be found at  
<https://reportcard.education.ohio.gov/school/overview/143610>





# ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

End of Course Exams (EOC) are taken by students in the following courses at the end of each school year. ACPA met indicators and significantly outperformed state averages in three subjects.

High School	Percent of Students Who Are At Least Proficient or Higher	State Indicator Met?
Government	84.1%	MET
US History	85.3%	MET
English II	81.1%	MET
Biology	72.3%	x
Algebra I	39.8%	x
Geometry	34.1%	x

Middle School	Percent of Students Who Are At Least Proficient or Higher	State Indicator Met?
English 7	83.3%	MET
Math 7	21.1%	x
English 8	68.1%	x
Math 8	19.4%	x
Science 8	55.3%	x

**Performance Index** measures levels of student achievement on the End of Course Exams. ACPA received a grade of C for Performance Index.

	2022 Percentage
Limited	19.5%
Basic	18.7%
Proficient	32.9%
Accomplished	21.3%
Advanced	7.4%

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awareness





## COLLEGE-BOUND STUDENTS

**27.5%**

of students  
received honors  
diplomas

**Four-year graduation rate**

**98.7%**

State Average 87.3%

**Five-year graduation rate**

**97.8%**

State Average 88.9%

**97.8%**

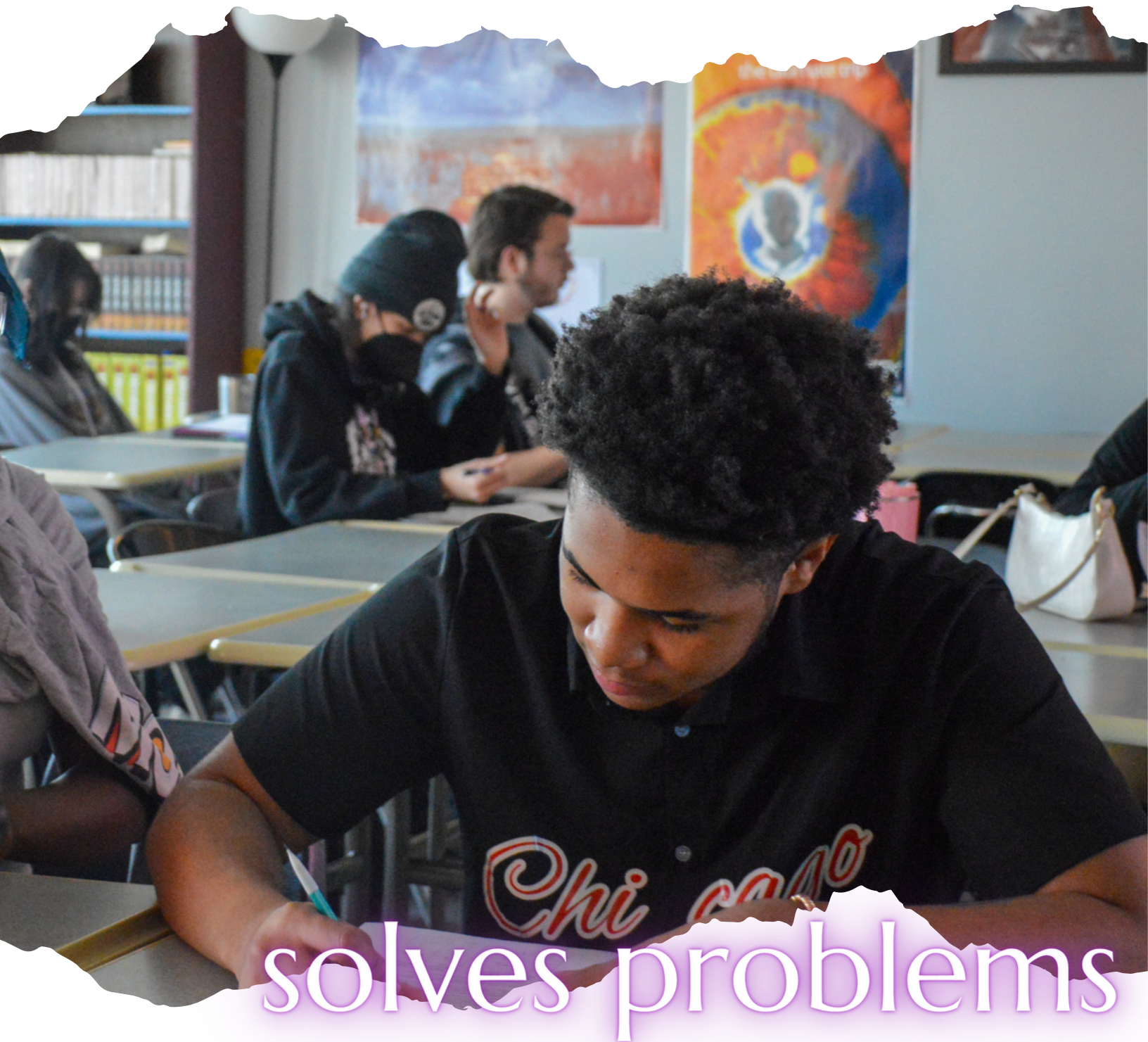
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**Participation**

ACPA's 2023 graduating class is attending the following universities: The Ohio State University, Columbus State Community College, Columbus College of Art & Design, Capital University, Kent State University, and Akron University.



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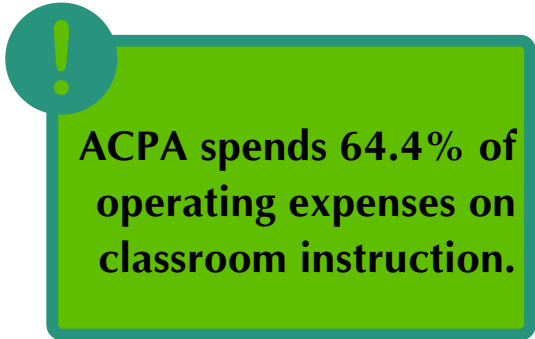




## FY23 FINANCIAL INFORMATION

On average, community schools in Ohio are funded at 2/3 the total funding of traditional district schools. ACPA accounts for this funding disparity with programmatic grants, careful and precise budgeting, and the help of generous donors. While being one of the community schools with the lowest per pupil allocations, ACPA is also historically one of the highest performing academically in Ohio, and offers a full arts curriculum when other schools are cutting the arts - in short, ACPA does more with less.

<b>Beginning Cash Balance:</b>	\$2,435,852
<b>Ending Cash Balance:</b>	\$2,791,143
<b>Operating Revenue:</b>	\$5,050,453
<b>Operating Expenses:</b>	\$4,695,162
<b>Operating spending per pupil</b>	\$9,053 (State \$11,896)
Classroom Spending	\$5,832 (State \$8,030)
Non-Classroom Spending	\$3,221 (State \$3,866)
<b>Federal Funds</b>	\$1,665 per pupil (State \$1,500)
<b>State and Local Funds</b>	\$7,389 per pupil (State \$10,396)

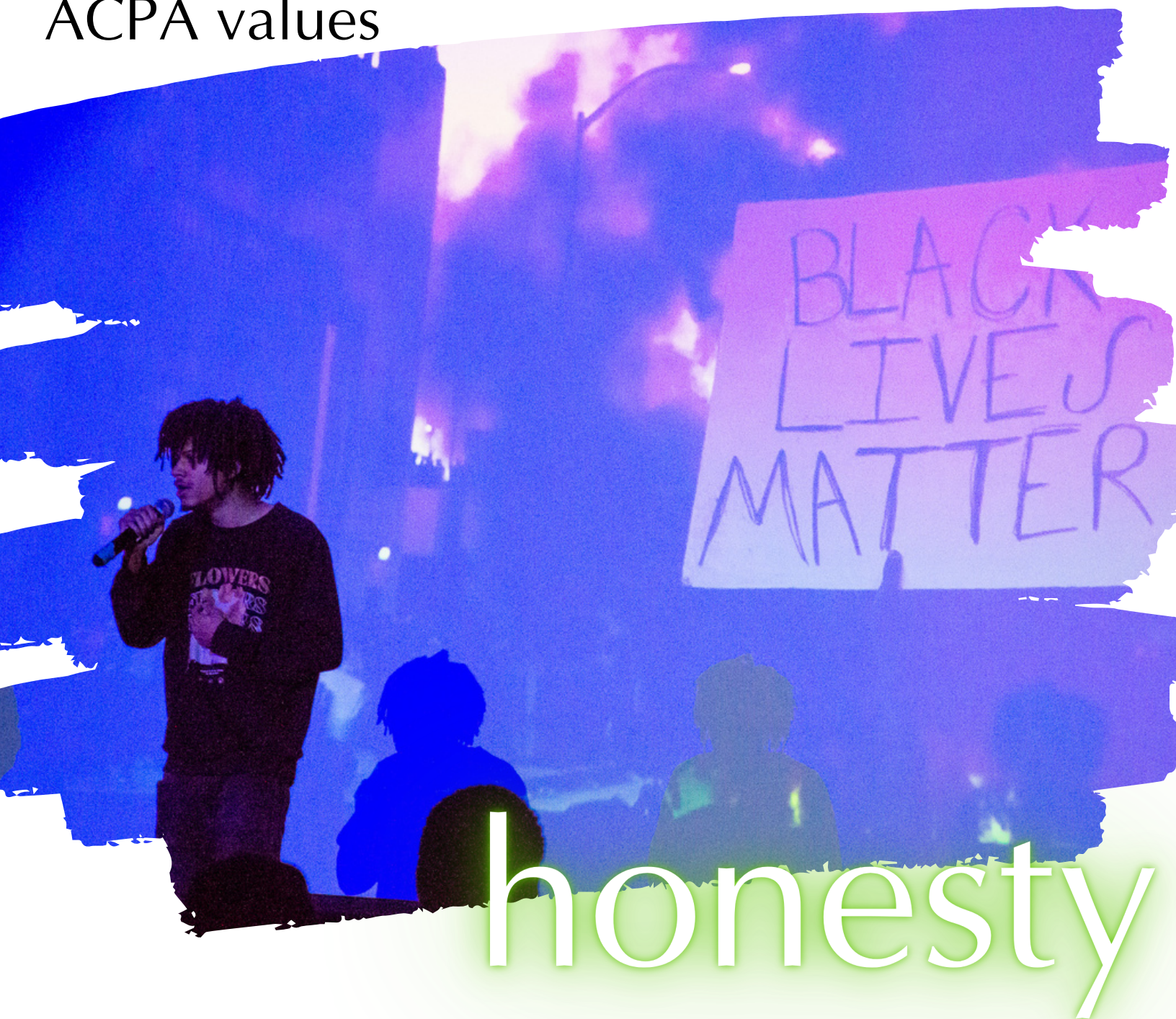


**ACPA spends 64.4% of operating expenses on classroom instruction.**





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# PREMIER ARTS EVENTS

## Chalkfest

As the official kickoff to the Arts Events season, Chalkfest has become ACPA's rendition of Homecoming. Students, staff, families, and community members come together to celebrate our diverse community through chalk art, music, and other activities.



## Showcase & Open House

ACPA's bi-annual Showcase & Open House combined student performances, classroom exploration, and community engagement into one event. Our Black History Month Showcase & Open House featured performances from our black African-American students as well as black-owned businesses from the community.







## Eurydice

Lead by Gideon Fleming, Norah McGann, and Thomas Brown, this performance was an emotional and creative take on death and the afterlife, with well-placed moments of comedic relief. This play utilized ACPA's Black Box Theater and featured a 360 degree stage, captivating the audience from all angles.

## The Lightning Thief

This musical made huge waves in the ACPA community and was a booming success, selling out each of its 4 performances. Based on the novel Percy Jackson & The Lightning Thief and directed by Ashley Woodard, this musical went down as the most successful in ACPA history.



## Winterfest

ACPA's premier arts event and one of our most treasured traditions returned to the Jo Ann Davidson Theater On December 6th, 2022. Winterfest showcases our most accomplished students and brings their passions to the stage in a breathtaking way.





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## CURRENT SCHOOL LEADERSHIP

<b>Anthony Gatto</b>	Executive Director
<b>Sarah Bostelman</b>	Middle School Principal
<b>Catherine McMillin</b>	High School Principal
<b>Aaron Wagner</b>	High School Principal

## CURRENT BOARD ROSTER

<b>Jami Goldstein (Board President)</b>	Vice President of Marketing Communications & Events, Greater Columbus Arts Council
<b>Alan Browning</b>	Elementary School Teacher
<b>Joe Ewig Lobbyist</b>	Lobbyist
<b>Rachel Martinez</b>	Research technician, Blues musician & ACPA Parent
<b>Kysten Palmore</b>	Deputy Director of Community Engagement and Reentry, Ohio Department of Youth Services
<b>David Reiersen</b>	Assistant Vice President of Community Impact for United Way of Central Ohio

## COMMUNITY SCHOOL SPONSOR STATEMENT

Ohio Council of Community Schools (OCCS) uses various methods to evaluate the school's performance including published tests and other academic scores such as the Local Report Card produced by the Department of Education and Workforce and other supporting data. OCCS regional representatives visit our partner schools regularly ensuring compliance with federal, state, and contractual requirements. The results of this monitoring for the 2022-2023 school year are published in the 2022-2023 Ohio Council of Community Schools Annual Report, available after November 30 at [www.ohioschools.org](http://www.ohioschools.org)



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# Testimonials

"A school unlike any other, where every student can find their place in the world and call ACPA home. The teachers really care and the peers you are surrounded by push you to think more deeply every day. This school left me ready for 4 years at a highly esteemed college and with hundreds of memories for years to come." - ACPA Graduate

"Arts & College Preparatory Academy is a great environment for finding who you are and your art related interest. The teachers are insanely amazing! Meeting friends is super easy because everyone is so welcoming. There are many diverse art classes, as well as strong academic classes as well. If you ever need school help or personal life help there is always someone there. Whether that is a student, teacher, administrator, or even people who work at the front desk! It is a great learning environment, and you have the opportunity to learn so much about yourself at this school!" - ACPA Senior

"My son has been attending ACPA for 3 years, since the beginning of Middle School. From the moment we walked in the doors we knew ACPA was the perfect choice for our art and music loving 6th grader. Although choosing ACPA for our son was easy, little did we know it would be our best parenting decision. When arriving at ACPA he had tried several instruments and been very interested in art however his language arts and math skills were not at grade level. ACPA's Middle School approach to work toward mastery was the perfect way to help him achieve his potential while maintaining his confidence." - ACPA Parent

## Thank you for your support!

ACPA relies on its students, parents, staff, board, community partners and sponsor to help define the climate and culture of the school. Without contributions from all stakeholders, ACPA would not be the safe, colorful, progressive, empowering, inclusive home that it is.

For information on how to support ACPA or make a donation, contact Fayth Pennington (Events, Marketing & Communications Director) at [pennington@artcollegeprep.org](mailto:pennington@artcollegeprep.org) or click Growth Fund or Donate To ACPA on our website, [artcollegeprep.org](http://artcollegeprep.org).

