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# OREGON Small Schools INITIATIVE

## Academy of Arts and Academics A3

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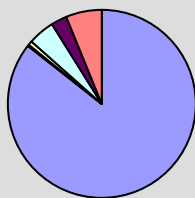
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Springfield Academy of Arts & Academics combines high academic standards with professional-level arts experiences to propel learning, engage passion, and empower transformation. Language arts, humanities, math and science are taught in integrated blocks. Guest artists help teach core arts classes and work with students on community-based arts projects and events. A3 targets students who have a passion for the arts and a demonstrated commitment to learning in a challenging, personalized environment.

The following data reflects 2008-2009, unless otherwise noted

### Student Population

Total Enrollment	148
Low-income students	50.0%
English language learners	1.0%

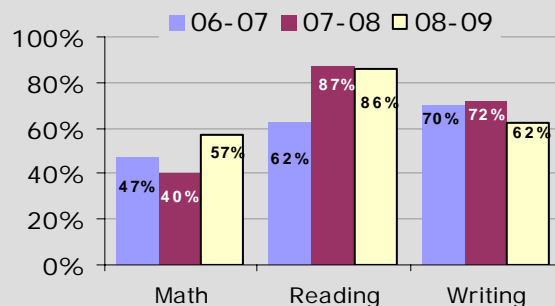


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European American - 86%
Asian/Pacific Islander - 0%
African American - 1%
American Indian - 4%
Latino, Hispanic - 3%
Other - 6%

### Student Achievement

10<sup>th</sup> grade students meeting or exceeding state benchmarks



Sources: Oregon Department of Education and A3

### Springfield's Vision

Through project-based learning, students tackle rigorous academic content while exploring issues that are relevant to their lives and the community. During their four years at A3, students are exposed to a variety arts experiences before choosing an art focus in which to specialize. Local arts organizations provide internships and other hands-on learning experiences for students.

The decision to launch the A3 was the direct result of two central themes in Springfield's vision for a quality education: to maintain a strong commitment to the arts in educational programs, and to use innovative, researched-based delivery models to engage students in their education. A3 was implemented to meet both of these recommendations while reaching out to students who do not succeed in the traditional high school environment.

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