

# OREGON Small Schools INITIATIVE

## Academy of Art AoA

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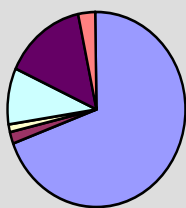
Principal: Doug Kelly

The Academy of Arts combines arts and academics in a way in which the two support and complement each other. This combination creates a powerful learning experience, using the arts as a web to unite all areas of curriculum. Core academics feature a rigorous college preparatory program including math, science, social studies, and world language. AoA is committed to encouraging all students to think creatively and independently, to question, and to be active participants in their education and their community.

The following data reflects 2007-2008, unless otherwise noted

### Student Population

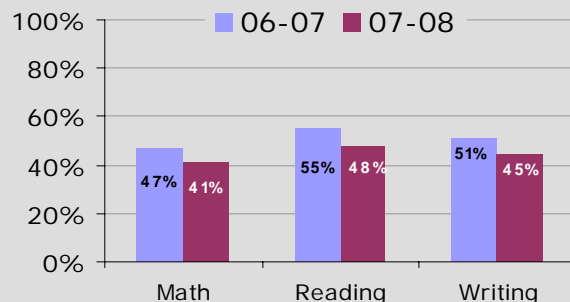
Total Enrollment	244
1-year drop-out rate (campus)	2.5%
Low-income students	35.6%
English language learners	8.0%



European American	- 69%
Asian/Pacific Islander	- 2%
African American	- 1%
American Indian	- 9%
Latino, Hispanic	- 15%
Other	- 3%

### Student Achievement

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



Sources: Oregon Department of Education and AoA at North Eugene Campus

### An Oregon Innovator

North Eugene Campus prides itself on pursuing reform and implementing best educational practices. A challenge at North Eugene has been to close the achievement gap between groups of students. Only one in three Hispanic students was meeting state reading benchmarks; one in four for math. Just over 30 percent of low-income students were meeting math standards and less than 50 percent were meeting reading standards. In 2001, the school district's "Schools of the Future" community engagement process encouraged personalization, rigor and high expectations for all students. North Eugene responded by launching the International High School, a school-within-a-school offering an International Baccalaureate curriculum, and the Alternative School, serving at-risk students. These and other efforts laid the foundation for the launch of North Eugene's small schools. Then, in 2006, North Eugene High School converted to three new, rigorous small schools.