

# A UNIQUE PROGRAM

One of the most difficult challenges we have is trying to explain the Saginaw Arts and Sciences Academy (SASA) through the written word. To be fully understood, the academic, the visual arts and the performing arts programs at the Academy must be experienced.

Since the school has been in existence, it has earned a national reputation for excellence. We in the School District of the City of Saginaw are pleased with what we have accomplished at SASA and the tradition of excellence we have established. We are also proud of our students, whose accomplishments have been impressive.

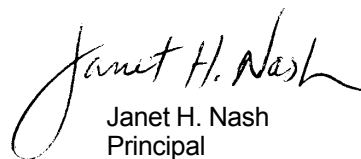
We see nothing but good things ahead as we meet our goal of providing specialized program options.



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## PHILOSOPHY

The Saginaw Arts and Sciences Academy exists to expand and enhance the learning opportunities and accomplishments of the gifted/talented student. By providing a unique learning environment with a differentiated instructional design and expectations, SASA challenges the superior potential of students in the areas of general intellectual ability, creative and productive thinking, visual and performing arts, specific academic aptitude, leadership and community service.

Furthermore, the Academy is committed to encouraging the fullest emotional and mental development of SASA learners by recognizing the students' unique developmental needs, cognitive abilities and learning styles. Working collaboratively, the staff provides diverse opportunities for the fulfillment of the learner's strengths, talents and interests, believing that each student has the potential to become an independent, creatively productive contributor to society.

## STUDENT ELIGIBILITY

All Saginaw Arts and Sciences Academy programs are open to students from Saginaw County and surrounding areas and counties.

Students who have an interest in SASA must complete all entrance requirements. Applications must be filed along with transcripts of grades and two teacher recommendation evaluations. In addition, all applicants will be tested with the appropriate level of a nationally standardized ability test. Factors that weigh in acceptance include past academic record, attendance, citizenship, interest and innate talent. Full day students must be able to undertake a full load of courses of rigorous study and pacing.

Students who apply for any of the performing arts - dance, theatre, voice/keyboard, must also complete an audition in the area of their interests. Visual arts applicants are required to submit a portfolio of their work for evaluation, as well as to participate in an on-site drawing exercise.

Students applying for language arts may be required to submit a writing sample.

Further information and/or application forms may be obtained by calling SASA at (989)399-5500 or stopping at the SASA office in the west entrance of the Ruben Daniels Lifelong Learning Center, 200 Congress Avenue (at Niagara Street), Saginaw.

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