



Date: March 12, 2026

To: Mary Johnston, Board Chair, Syracuse Arts Academy

From: Stephanie Speicher, Board Chair, Utah State Charter School Board

Credit Enhancement Certification Letter for Syracuse Arts Academy

BASIC ELIGIBILITY

The Utah State Charter School Board (SCSB) certifies that a valid charter is in place for Syracuse Arts Academy.

The SCSB certifies that Syracuse Arts Academy does not have any serious, outstanding, or unresolved concerns.

The SCSB certifies that there are no outstanding deficiencies based on criteria outlined in R277-553.

ENROLLMENT/STUDENT DEMAND

Enrollment History – Syracuse Arts Academy

SY	TOTAL	K - 6	7-8	9-12
2015	1,026	758	181	87
2016	1,662	1,288	284	90
2017	1,739	1,335	305	99
2018	1,782	1,346	311	125
2019	1,813	1,353	316	144
2020	1,793	1,342	320	131
2021	1,769	1,313	326	130

2022	1,744	1,296	311	137
2023	1,740	1,301	298	141
2024	1,740	1,286	314	140
2025	1,718	1,253	327	138
2026	2,050	1,598	310	142

Retention Rate

SCSB certifies that Syracuse Arts Academy's most recent retention rate is above 80%.

SY	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
RETENTION RATE	89.00%	86.20%	89.40%	87.70%	90.10%	89.10%	89.10%	90.80%	90.80%	90.00%	91.30%

Average Daily Membership (ADM) Rate

SCSB certifies that Syracuse Arts Academy's ADM rate was greater than 90% for the past 3 years.

SY	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
ADM Rate	97.35%	97.08%	97.48%	98.61%	98.71%	98.03%

Transfer Rate

SCSB certifies that Syracuse Arts Academy's Transfer rate was lower than 15% for the past 3 years.

SY	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
TRANSFER RATE	1.70%	3.80%	4.30%	3.20%	3.50%	15.90%	4.70%	3.60%	3.60%	4.40%	3.70%

Enrollment Trend

SCSB certifies that Syracuse Arts Academy's Enrollment rate was greater than 95% for the past 3 years.

SY	ENROLLMENT TREND
2015	99.90%
2016	95.40%

2017	104.60%
2018	102.50%
2019	101.70%
2020	99.10%
2021	98.60%
2022	98.80%
2023	99.80%
2024	100.10%
2025	98.80%

ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE

The SCSB uses the Utah School Report Card to assess a school’s academic performance. The Utah School Report Card measures academic performance across multiple indicators. One of such indicators is academic achievement which shows the percentage of students who demonstrated mastery of grade-level standards in each subject. Syracuse Arts Academy’s achievement performance is summarized below.

2024-2025 Syracuse Arts Academy - Antelope Academic Achievement Performance

	State Average	Syracuse Arts Academy - Antelope	SCSB Assessment
English Language Arts	44%	49.4%	Performing above State average.
Mathematics	45%	53.3%	Performing above State average.
Science	51%	55.5%	Performing above State average.

2024-2025 Syracuse Arts Academy - Antelope Academic Growth Performance

	State Average	Syracuse Arts Academy - Antelope	SCSB Assessment
English Language Arts	51%	51.5%	Performing above State average.
Mathematics	51%	59.1%	Performing above State average.
Science	51%	52.8%	Performing above State average.

2024-2025 Syracuse Arts Academy - North Academic Achievement Performance

	State Average	Syracuse Arts Academy - North	SCSB Assessment
English Language Arts	44%	61.3%	Performing above State average.
Mathematics	45%	60.7%	Performing above State average.
Science	51%	68.4%	Performing above State average.

2024-2025 Syracuse Arts Academy - North Academic Growth Performance

	State Average	Syracuse Arts Academy - North	SCSB Assessment
English Language Arts	51%	53.1%	Performing above State average.
Mathematics	51%	54.3%	Performing above State average.
Science	51%	53.4%	Performing above State average.

Syracuse Arts Academy is scoring above the state average in all the areas listed above, and as such, the SCSB certifies that Syracuse Arts Academy's academic performance is adequate to maintain its enrollment plans.