

**Visual and Performing Arts Informational Meeting  
Questions and Answers from  
Wednesday, June 13, 2007, 6:00-7:30 p.m.  
Serna Center Community Room, 5735 47<sup>th</sup> Avenue**

**Will there be a tuition fee for the proposed school?**

There will be no charges to parents as this is a public education program.

**Where will the proposed school be located?**

There is a possibility that it will continue at the Depot site, but it could be held at other sites. The location is yet to be determined. Some parents would prefer a dedicated facility, not a comprehensive high school site.

**Do we have a visual and performing arts charter?**

SCUSD has submitted a charter petition to the state.

**Is this program available to all students?**

Yes, however the students should have an interest in the visual and performing arts.

**Do I have to live in the area of the school?**

The visual and performing arts school will admit all students that wish to attend the school, subject only to capacity.

**What are some of the visual and performing arts programs that will be offered?**

We hope to include dance, drama, interdisciplinary arts, performance media, visual arts and music.

**Where do I find out about my child's school of attendance?**

Call Student Records, 643-9431. Using your address, they can tell you the middle or high school of attendance.

**How do I change schools from our neighborhood school to another school INSIDE the district?**

You need an Intra-district permit. Call Student Services at 643-9435.

**How do I change schools from our neighborhood school to another school OUTSIDE the district?**

You need to request an Inter-district permit. Call Student Services at 643-9435.

**How can a student obtain a copy of their final transcript after the current VAPAC School closes?**

Contact VAPAC directly at 916-438-0144, or go to the school site located at 8376 Fruitridge Road, Sacramento, to obtain any student records.

**Is the proposed school a charter?**

The SCUSD has submitted a charter petition to the state.

**When will the public know the District's decision on the location?**

We will notify you as soon as that decision has been made.

**Will there be transportation for Regular Education and Special Education students?**

It will be the parents' responsibility to transport their child/children.

Transportation will be provided for some Special Education programs.

**How do I get in contact with other schools for open enrollment?**

Call the school directly. School numbers can be obtained by going to the District's website ([www.scusd.edu](http://www.scusd.edu)).

**What happens if we wait until September 4, 2007 for the new school and not enroll elsewhere?**

To insure a school placement for your child/children, enroll them in your neighborhood school as soon as possible.

**Will Out-of-District students be displaced to accommodate In-District student's priority?**

In-District students do have a priority; however VAPAC open enrollment is available to Out-of-District and In-District students.

**Will class size reduction be in effect?**

No, class size reduction will not be in effect. However, in the past, the VAPAC classes have been smaller in size.

**What will happen to the current VAPAC faculty?**

The current VAPAC faculty will have to apply for other district positions, assuming they have their teaching credential and meet all the requirements.

**Will we have the same teachers?**

All teaching positions will be posted and only qualified teachers, with teaching credentials, will be considered for each teaching position.

**What do you look for in a good teacher?**

A person who enjoys teaching, is personable, credentialed, has excellent recommendations, is qualified for a specific subject or subjects, and has excellent behavioral management skills.

**When is the deadline to make this happen?**

Prior to the opening of school.

**Should I enroll my child in a program to make sure he/she has a spot?**

Yes.

**Can we move to the proposed visual and performing arts school after we are already in another school?**

Yes.

**Will my child's grades affect his/her enrollment into the new visual and performing arts program?**

No. However, satisfactory grades would certainly help the child be better prepared for the curriculum.

**Where can our children attend summer school?**

A listing of summer school sites can be found on the District's website ([www.scusd.edu](http://www.scusd.edu)).

**Because of the lateness in enrolling into summer school, will this effect getting into other districts?**

Yes. Most districts have already started summer school. SCUSD summer school begins on June 25<sup>th</sup> and ends August 2nd.

**When the school closes, how will the students and parents be notified?**

By mail, website and the VAPAC hotline.

**When will they (The Parents) have the information?**

We will continue to give you ongoing updates throughout the process.

**Is there a possibility that we will stay at the current VAPAC site?**

There is a possibility that we will continue to use the current VAPAC site. It is one of four options being considered.

**How do you get information about a school?**

Use the District's website ([www.scusd.edu](http://www.scusd.edu)) and go to "Our Schools".

**How can we get an Inter-District or Intra-District permit?**

If you need an Inter-district or Intra-district permit, call student services at 643-9435.

**What will be the name of the proposed school?**

No name has been selected at this time.

**How many are interested in attending?**

It was the consensus of those attending the meeting that their students would attend a visual and performing arts like option.

**How does a Visual and Performing Arts Program blend into a larger environment?**

A group of teachers work as a Small Learning Community (SLC). The classes within the SLC are usually in a similar location.

**Is there a location?**

We are currently pursuing the following options:  
The Depot Park, Marian Anderson, a small elementary school, Genesis, Americas Choice, and various high schools with theatres.

**Will there be drama, visual media, etc.?**

These areas will certainly be a priority for the new school.

**Will the curriculum options be the same?**

We will try to keep consistency.

**Will there be a consistent site administrator (hiring and keeping that person)?**

Our goal is to have a regular principal by the beginning of 07/08 school year. Efforts will begin now. (40-60 day effort).

**How about teachers/staffing (hiring and keeping staff)?**

We've been recruiting teachers for other vacancies. Some have shown interest and some would like to stay.

**Will the teachers be certificated?**

Yes.

**Can Counselors assist us and what are our-next steps?**

The counselors will be available at the June 28<sup>th</sup>, 2007 meeting.

**One of the benefits of attending a small school is discipline. Will the discipline structure be the same?**

There will be a structured and consistent discipline policy in place.

**How can we ensure safety of students in a larger school environment?**

Safety is a priority for all schools. The district will do whatever is required to keep a school safe.

**What are summer school options?**

Call the school site and speak to the director. Ask about specific classes. If classes are full, call another school. For more summer school information, and utilize the district's online website. An excellent opportunity is also available for credit deficient students through the District's independent study program, Capital City School (916-433-5187).

**When will specific details about the visual and performing arts program be available?**

We will continue to give you timely updates as we go through the process.

**Will the current information be shared at the June 28<sup>th</sup> meeting?**

All current information will be shared at the June 28<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**Do we wait to enroll our students (It may be too late to get our child in school if we wait)?**

Do not wait to enroll your child/children.

**If there is a new visual and performing arts charter school, will the size of 500 or less remain?**

Hopefully, yes.

**Who are the interim principal and future principal?**

Michael Hall is the interim principal. The future principal will be hired before the beginning of the 07/08 school year.

**Has there been any contact with previous teachers who left and why they left?**

Yes, the interim principal, Mr. Hall, has talked with some of the teachers that left VAPAC School.

**Does an Intra-district permit apply to all charters, including independent hybrid and dependent charters?**

An Intra-district is site specific. Should you want your child/children to change to another school, it would require another Intra-district permit to that school. All charters have open enrollment.

**What are our chances of getting a new visual and performing arts charter school?**

Our chances are very positive in getting a new visual and performing arts program.

**Do we have enough time and interest?**

The interest is there, but time certainly is a concern.

**People are frustrated. Does the District care?**

The District does care and wants the very best educational program for all students.

**As an out-of-district parent, am I out of the picture for a school of choice? My child has a specific school in this district he wants to attend.**

Obtain an Inter-district permit from your current home school. Then, call the school of your choice to see if there is space available.

**Please explain 'a program within a program'.**

An example would be moving the visual and performing arts program within an existing middle/high school.

**Will there be teachers that understand and motivate teens, especially teens in the arts?**

Hiring teachers that have these skills will be one of our goals.

**I took my child out of a school of attendance because the school would give him 2 periods of ELA. Will the student be made to take 2 periods of ELA?**

I would suggest that you talk with a school counselor and review your child's credits.

**If my child is not a student of SCUSD, where will his record go? Do they go back to their original/home district?**

The student records will be kept in our district until a school/district requests them.

**Where will the main records be kept and accessed?**

Because the VAPAC School is closing, the records will be kept at the Student Records Office within SCUSD Central Office, located at the Serna Center.

**Who do we contact for release of student records?**

Contact the current VAPAC staff at 916-438-0144. If you have any problems, SCUSD student records can be reached at 916-643-9431.

**Are academic grades and attendance records being transferred to the district (i.e. transcripts, all records)?**

This step is a priority for us. We are doing everything we can to make this happen. The current VAPAC School administrators have been asked to make accurate and complete transcripts available to any parent that makes a request.

**With the new visual and performing arts school, will there be a counselor available to assist students with academic and support services?**

Yes.

**My daughter is a senior. I can't get proof of her passing the End-of Year Algebra Proficiency exam. How do I get a copy of the test results?**

We are looking into this. You can start by contacting the current VAPAC administrators and making them aware of the problem.

**Does my child have to go to summer school? He is in high school. I don't know his grades.**

If your son is deficient in credits, I would recommend that he attend summer school or pursue independent study.

**What are the high school summer school options?**

Summer school begins on June 25<sup>th</sup> and ends August 2nd. A listing of summer school sites is provided on the District's website at: [www.scusd.edu](http://www.scusd.edu), under Offices and Departments/Summer School. Should you have additional questions, contact the Summer School Office at 916-643-9427.

**If a child needs to make up credit in summer school, how much credit can he make up?**

A student can make up to 30 credits when using the independent study option.