



To: Bob Kautz

RE: Snow Pond Arts Academy accepting 11th grade students

Per our conversation last week I wanted to follow up regarding SPAA accepting 11th grade students. It is my opinion that the Snow Pond Arts Academy is completely capable of accommodating students in their junior year. We have had students who are very interested in our program as well as siblings of current students who would very much like the opportunity to attend SPAA.

From an arts perspective we will be able to program for these students because our arts program is completely individualized and performance based. Our staff have the ability to meet the needs of students at any level and help them grow based on their needs.

Academically, SPAA will meet the needs of students based on their performance and needs as well. Given the use of K12 as our curriculum and a fully standards based diploma, we will be differentiating based on student needs as it is. There very well could be a current 9th or 10th graders that would need 11th grade material due to their academic performance. All of our teachers are going to have standard 7-12 certifications and as we are hiring we will be looking for faculty that can support students all along the spectrum of our academic offerings.

It is our hope that the charter commission will allow us to accept 11th grade students. We believe that in the two years that these students would be with us they would grow tremendously academically as well as in their arts. It would not put any undue pressure on our academic offerings and would only enhance our arts offerings.

Thank you for your consideration regarding this matter.