



SABA Adds 6th Graders To Student Population

By unanimous vote at the **School of the Arts for Boys Academy (SABA)** December school board meeting, the SABA Board of Directors approved the addition of 6th grade students to the school's population. With this decision, SABA will begin our first year in operation serving boys in Chatham County and surrounding communities in grades 3-to-6.

Accordingly, all boys in rising grades 4-to-6 who were provisionally accepted at SABA earlier in 2021 are officially enrolled at our school for the 2022-23 school year.

SABA Lead Administrator **Valencia Toomer** notes, "As we continued our planning for opening in August we recognized that over 2 dozen boys had already been provisionally accepted to SABA during our accelerated recruitment period. It made sense to keep these students in the SABA family and to accommodate them in our plans."



SABA Board President **Dr. Allyson Alston** concurs, adding "We're excited by the new dimensions SABA will experience with the inclusion of a sixth grade class this year. In addition to expanding our curriculum offerings, SABA will now be in position to introduce interscholastic sports as well. We're looking forward to all the positive developments this decision will bring."

The only all-boys charter public school in North Carolina, SABA holds "Regular Timeline" status with the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction and is on schedule to open our school in August 2022 with a chartered population of 116 students, now distributed among four grades of classes (grades 3-to-6).

Open Enrollment Campaign For SABA 2022-23 School Year Begins January 3

Families of boys in grades 3-to-6 will be able to apply for enrollment in SABA's inaugural school year beginning on January 3, 2022. [Visiting the SABA website](#) will provide parents & guardians with information about our school, details on the application process, and [access to the registration form itself](#).

SABA will accept applications to our free public charter school through April 30, 2022, at which time the school will conduct a lottery to select our first-year students. In keeping with the school's charter, 60% of all slots will be reserved

for students whose families qualify for free or reduced lunches. Boys will be selected for admission at random using computer-generated technology, so that each application has a fair opportunity to be chosen.



Board Member/Artist In Residence **Mike Wiley** comments, “This is an unbelievably exciting time in the life of our new school. It’s yet another milestone. The time has come to welcome the SABA boys who will play a defining role in building the foundation of SABA in a rich, diverse, culturally responsive environment. We will be sharing a journey of learning and discovery for as much as a full

decade in some cases. We can’t wait to meet these young men and families, and to get started!”

Designed specifically to address the opportunity gap that young boys – predominantly black and brown boys -- experience in conventional schools, the SABA learning model will help our students build their character, use critical thinking skills, test innovative ideas and present information in a clear, concise and creative manner. Teachers and staff will build positive relationships with all students, creating an atmosphere of mutual respect, love, and compassion.

Click here to [access the SABA Enrollment Application link](#). Click here to [contact SABA and learn more about our school](#).



**Timir Cox Joins
SABA Board of
Directors**

**First View:
SABA Enrollment
Commercial**



SABA is honored to welcome Mr. **Timir Cox** to the school's board of directors. A Chatham County native and a graduate of the Chatham County public school system, Mr. Cox has over a decade of diverse experiences in service to the youth and young people of our community.

In much of this time, Mr. Cox served in a variety of capacities for the Boys & Girls Club of Central Carolina, including supervisory oversight at the Sanford operation, management of middle school programs and culminating his tenure as Area Director of BGC's Wren Center facility in Siler City. Mr. Cox has also served as a Continuing Education Facilitator at Central Carolina Community College.

In addition to his community service activities, Mr. Cox has leveraged his Business Management background at North Carolina A&T, into ownership of his own lawn & home care service company, **Blazer Raven Services, LLC**.

SABA is on the verge of announcing the start of our Open Enrollment window for the 2022-23 school year and we'd like your help!

We invite you to [enjoy this sneak peek at our first commercial](#). Then please feel free to share it with family, friends and others in the area you may know, that you believe can be a great part of the SABA community.

SABA is committed to building a school that will meet the needs of young boys in our area and will be a source of pride for all of us. We appreciate your support in making this special vision a reality!

Community Information Sessions

SABA is pleased to announce that we will be holding information sessions in January for families who would like to learn more about SABA. Meetings will be held at:

**Holland Chapel AME Zion Church
Mitchell Chapel AME Zion Church**

Please [follow SABA on Facebook](#) for announcements about days & times and additional locations.



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