



SOTA II

Is SOTA II an Option for Your Fifth Grader??



Project Based

Explore learning through hands on activities and projects



Social Justice & Current events

Students learn about current world issues & topics.



Student Voice

Learner inclusion in the educational process planning and community.

School of Choice — SOTA II

A La Crosse School District Middle School Option

Middle School is a time of change in the lives of our youth. One of La Crosse School district options is to give youth access to a charter school opportunities. SOTA II — School of Technology in Arts is a charter school housed in Logan Middle School. It is open to anyone in sixth, seventh or eighth grade. Students do not need to be a SOTA elementary student to attend. Use the Intradistrict Transfer form to tell the district your choice.



Intradistrict Transfer Form: <https://www.lacrosseschools.org/intradistrict->

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ARTS

Explore projects through art integration and exploratory classes.

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TECHNOLOGY

Utilize technology tools to promote learning including coding, photography, & 3D printing

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COMMUNITY

Focus on a tailored learning experience with a small inclusive learning community

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Technology -- More Than Just iPads

SOTA II strives to integrate arts and technology into the day to day activities in the classroom. This can look like students having access to more choice electives, options to create doodle notes, or final projects with an arts emphasis.

Research has shown that integration of subject areas increases student engagement in their learning. It is also a more whole brained/whole child approach to the academic process. This engagement is often more reflective of what real world activities are like in college and careers.

SOTA II strives to push technology past just the usage of student iPads. We encourage quality technology usage with Apple Pens, 3-D printers, and coding. We also push students into engaged thinking as engineers with science experiments, hands on learning, and problem solving activities.

Technology usage also becomes more than just iPads and computers as students explore engineering, design, and maker spaces.



“SOTA II is more than just a school. It is a Community”

SOTA II Students will: —Become active life long learners —Explore, take risks, and persevere as learners —Mentor each other in a multiage classroom —Collaborate on products, performances, and processes that enhance their learning —Show an appreciation of diversity — makers in the learning environment

SOTA II Teachers will: —Develop rich learning environment —Craft personally relevant student experiences —Facilitate the creative problem solving —Model, Mentor, & Scaffold the project process

FIELD TRIPS & COMMUNITY LEARNING

SOTA II continues to push learning outside of the school building. The charter school students often leave the building to work with community partners, explore science in nature, and be involved in our own community.

Field Trips help us explore how we function together as a learning community through team building opportunities. They also encourage us to explore the diversity of all things the Coulee Region has to offer. We often walk to different locations in La Crosse but also explore options outside of La Crosse as well.

