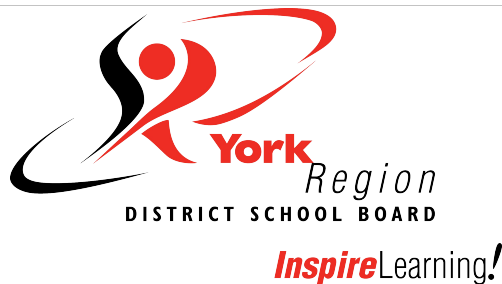


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Beginning in a Good Way: Land Acknowledgement

We affirm that we are all treaty people and acknowledge that the York Region District School Board is located on the lands of two treaties. These treaties have been signed with the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation and the First Nations of the Williams Treaties who are: the Mississaugas of Alderville, Curve Lake, Hiawatha, Scugog Island; and the Chippewas of Beausoleil, Rama, and Georgina Island who is our closest neighbour and partner in education.

To honour this agreement we will take up our responsibility to be respectful of their traditions, knowledge and inherent rights as sovereign nations. We will respect their relationship with these lands and recognize that our connection to this land is through the continued relationship with these First Nations, and we acknowledge our shared responsibility to respect and care for the land and waters for future generations.

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The logo features the word 'ARTS' in large, bold, black letters. The 'A' contains a white musical note, the 'R' contains a white silhouette of a ballerina, and the 'T' contains a white film strip. Below 'ARTS' is the word 'MACKENZIE' in a smaller, black, sans-serif font. The background is a watercolor-style illustration on a light wood-grain texture. It includes a pair of white dance shoes with pink laces, a pink treble clef, a yellow and red theatrical mask, and various musical notes and paint splashes in shades of pink, purple, and blue.

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Arts Mackenzie Disciplines



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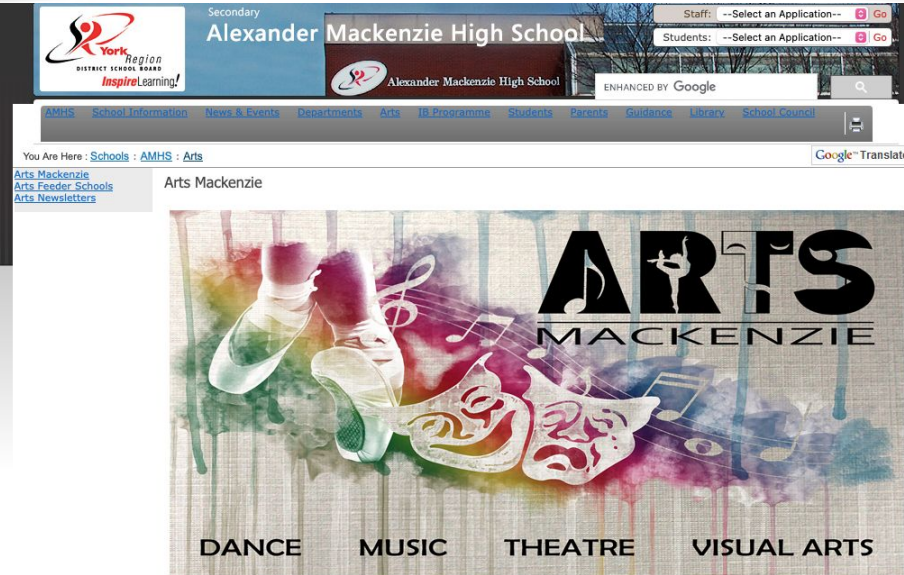
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Arts Mackenzie Disciplines



Tonight's Presentation Will Be Available On Our Arts Mackenzie Website After October 29



Arts Mackenzie Information Night

November 6, 2023

Richmond Hill Centre For the Performing Arts

7 p.m. Start (Doors Open at 6:40 p.m.)

General Admission

Grade 8 Students and Their Families Are Invited To Join Us To Learn About Applying to Arts Mackenzie

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October 29, 2024

Questions? Please go to our school website:

<http://www.yrdsb.ca/schools/alexandermackenzie.hs/Arts/Pages/default.aspx>

After the presentation, we will publish an FAQ on our Arts Mackenzie website with answers to the questions.

You can find all contact information for the different disciplines on our website.

Arts Mackenzie Information Night Agenda

- ❖ Starting In A Good Way
- ❖ York Region District School Board's Regional Arts Program at Arts Mackenzie
- ❖ Arts Mackenzie Disciplines
- ❖ Selection Process
- ❖ Questions and Answers

What is the YRDSB Regional Arts Program?

The Regional Arts Program is a 4 year arts program for YRDSB students who are committed to exploring and deepening their understanding of the arts. The program offers a package of specialized arts credits (2 per year) that count towards the Ontario Secondary School Diploma. Students will receive a certificate upon completion. Students are invited to apply to the school that corresponds with their [attendance boundary](#).

At Arts Mackenzie, students may apply to study the following disciplines: dance, music (instrumental, strings or vocal), theatre arts and visual arts.

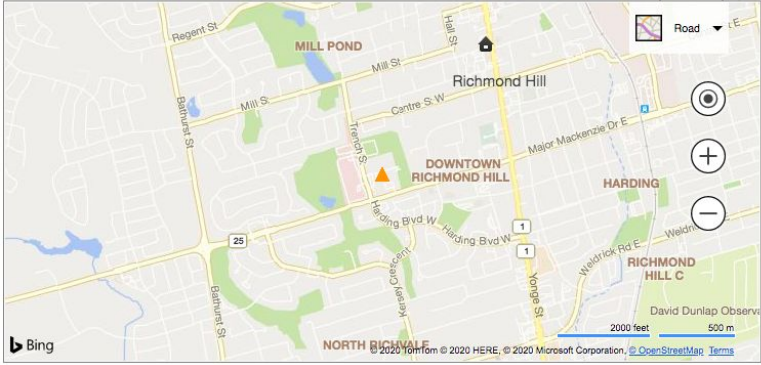
There are four secondary schools offering the Specialized Arts program in the York Region District School Board:

- [Alexander Mackenzie High School](#)
- [Huron Heights Secondary School](#)
- [Unionville High School](#)
- [Westmount Collegiate Institute](#)

Arts Mackenzie Boundaries

Families can confirm that Arts Mackenzie is their Arts School by placing their address into the **YRDSB School Locator**.

Updated May 6, 2020



Street Number *
10268

Street Name *
Yonge Street

Municipality
Richmond Hill


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2020-2021 School Year 2021-2022 School Year

	Grade	Links
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Arts Mackenzie Disciplines



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Artistic Demonstration Choice #1

In-Person Workshop

Discipline Specific Workshops:

- Collaborative activities
- Group warm-up and technique
- Musicianship exercises
- Group performance tasks

Artistic Demonstration Choice #2

E-Portfolio

Video recorded performance tasks:

- Assigned technical exercises
- Own Choice Solo(s)
- Responses and Reflections on Applying Feedback and Working In Group Situations





Visual Arts

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Artistic Demonstration Option #1

**In-Person Workshop and
Portfolio: (Recommended)**

Visual Arts Workshop:

- Group 'Drawing from Observation' lesson and exercises
- Visual response to a prompt
- Portfolio

Portfolio

Portfolio Requirements:

1. Portrait (Any Medium)
2. Sketchbook
3. Still-Life Drawing or Painting
4. Sculptural Piece - 3D work any medium
5. Three Optional Works:
Photography, digital art, collage etc.
6. Max. 250 word Artist's Statement

Artistic Demonstration Option #2

E-Portfolio:

Should an applicant be unable to attend one of the in person workshop dates please contact the Alexander Mackenzie High School office.

Performance Tasks:

- Visual response to a prompt
- Recorded video reflection on prompt artwork and personal creative process
- Portfolio



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Artistic Demonstration Choice #1

In-Person Workshop in January
at Alexander Mackenzie High
School

- Drama Activities in large groups, small groups, etc.
- Improvisation
- Collaborative Theatrical Exercises
- Group and Individual Theatrical Tasks
- Incorporating Technical Theatre Into Performance
- Reflection

Artistic Demonstration Choice #2

E-Portfolio

**AMHS Dramatic Arts
Google Classroom:
73zn4sk**

Email Contact: stephanie.goldman@yrdsb.ca

Creative Tasks Including:

- Monologue
- Look Book (Google Slides Demonstrating Technical Theatre)
- Responses and Reflections on Applying Feedback and Working In Group Situations

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Artistic Demonstration Choice #1

In-Person Workshop

- Technique Exercises From A Variety of Genres
- Composition Collaborative Task
- Solo Choreography Base Off Of A Source (submitted online)
- Recorded Video Or Written Reflection On Artistic Work and Process (submitted online)

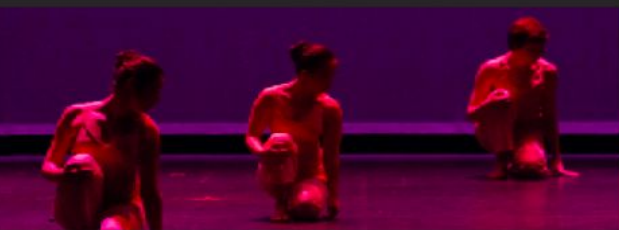
Artistic Demonstration Choice #2

E-Portfolio

- Filmed Technique Exercises From a Variety of Genres
- Solo Choreography Base Off Of A Source (submitted online)
- Recorded Video Or Written Reflection On Artistic Work and Process (submitted online)

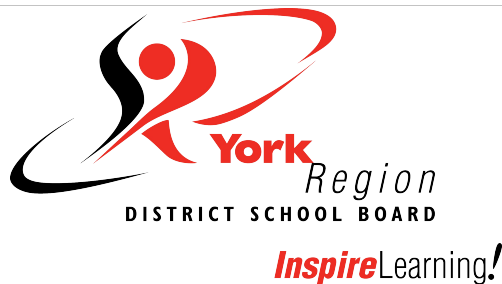
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SHSM (Specialist High Skills Majors)

What is SHSM?

Specialist High Skills Majors let students focus on a career path that matches their skills and interests while meeting the requirements of the Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD). Students complete a bundle of courses and gain valuable work experience through Co-op.

Why Consider SHSM – Arts & Culture?

This program enables students to:

- Explore industry related experiences through field trips, workshops, guest speakers
- Complete sector recognized certifications (free of charge) to build their résumé
- Prepare for post-secondary opportunities and explore career goals
- Post-secondary scholarships available to SHSM grads
- Earn the SHSM Red Seal designation on their OSSD



Arts & Culture SHSM

Arts & Culture SHSM Requirements:

- 4 Arts & Culture Major Credits (completed as part of Arts Mackenzie Program)
- 2 Cooperative Education Credits (option to take in summer school)
- Potential placements: Education, graphic design, film / television production, architecture, interior design, fashion design, sound/recording engineer, theatre production, arts administration, wellness clinic, etc.
- 1 Business Studies or Canadian & World Studies course
- Certifications
- Reach Ahead / Experiential Learning Field Trips

Unique Facts About Arts Mackenzie

- ❖ AMHS's program is for students who are passionate about, and learn through the arts
- ❖ At Arts Mackenzie students develop strong academic, artistic and life skills
- ❖ While working towards their Ontario Secondary School diploma, students take an additional 8 credits in their arts discipline to earn the Specialized Arts Certificate at Graduation.
- ◆ Entry into the program is by an application and selection process in the students' grade 8 and grade 9 year
- ◆ Class time is spent in specialized studio spaces
- ◆ Students have access to some of Canada's top professional artists through workshop, lessons, and field trips
- ◆ Students have the opportunity to perform and/or exhibit work at diverse spaces in York Region
- ◆ An option to take unique, cross-discipline electives in senior grades such as Musical Theatre, Film and Specialist High School Major
- ◆ Arts Mackenzie alumni are found in all pathways - in and out of the Arts.

Application and Selection Process



Applying to a YRDSB Secondary Regional Arts Program in 2024-2025?

There are **3 steps**:

1

Registration Online: Edsby

Nov. 11th - Dec. 4th 2024

**If applying to a 2nd program an additional \$20 is required.

2

Artistic Demonstration

Opens Dec. 6th, 2024

Due January 10, 2025

3

Selection and Acceptance: Email Notification

Friday, February 2nd, 2025

Step 1: Registration on Edsby (Nov 11 - Dec 4)

Registration opens **November 11, 2024** and closes on **December 4, 2024**.

The Edsby registration must be completed in one sitting.

There is a \$20 fee to apply to Arts Mackenzie.

Link to Edsby registration form will be posted to the Arts Mackenzie website on November 11, 2024.

Maximum of **two** discipline registrations per student. There is an additional \$20 fee to apply to two disciplines.

Students will be contacted by e-mail **December 6** regarding Step 2, **Artistic Demonstration**.

What Do Families Need for Edsby Registration?

- Student number & OEN number (***found on a student's report card***)
- Student's name and date of birth
- Student's home address and phone number
- Parent/Guardian name and contact information
- Student's current school, grade and home secondary arts school based on address
- At registration, students may indicate if they wish to apply for 1 or 2 disciplines
 - Please note there is an additional cost of \$20 for a second registration

Step 2: Artistic Demonstration (Dec 6 - Jan 30)

All students who submit an Edsby registration by December 6, 2024 **are guaranteed a chance to submit samples of their artistic work during stage two.**

Information regarding the selection process, including a link to a Google Classroom where students and families can communicate with the Arts Mackenzie team, will be e-mailed directly to families on December 6, 2024 **to the e-mail provided on the Edsby Registration Form.**

Step 2: Artistic Demonstration (Dec 6 - Jan 30)

Students will have an opportunity to view both tasks and pick the submission format that they feel demonstrates their artistic passion.

Students will have a choice to demonstrate their passion for the arts:

- E-Portfolio (Due January 10, 2025)

OR

- Participation In The In Person Workshop end of January at Alexander Mackenzie High School

The criteria and look fors for both formats are similar. Students are encouraged to **pick the format that best showcases** their passion and creativity.

Step 2: Artistic Demonstration (Dec 6 - Jan 30)

The success criteria for the artistic demonstration will be communicated with the students on **December 6, 2024** and will be discipline specific.

Overall, we encourage students to:

- Make sure to read all of the instructions and complete all tasks
- Ask questions to seek clarification
- Be confident in their creative choices
- Pick choices in the prompts that showcase their creativity and critical thinking
- Use details when explaining their thinking in the creative responses

We are happy to clarify tasks and expectations.

Step 3: Selection (Early February 2024)

All registrants who submit an artistic demonstration will receive notification about the results in early February.

Applicants will receive one of the following:

- An offer of acceptance
- A notification that they are on a waitlist
- A notification that they were not successful

Students must accept or decline an offer.

At this point, schools will begin the registration process in February 2025.

Key Dates and Information

Key Dates:

- Edsby registration opens **November 11th, 2024** and closes **December 4st, 2024**
- Information regarding the artistic demonstration sent to families by **December 6, 2024**
- Students must identify their choice of artistic demonstration (E-Portfolio or Workshop) by **December 15, 2024**
- Artistic demonstration submitted by **January 2025**
 - **EPortfolio January 10 2025**
 - **In-Person Workshop end of January 2025**
- Results communicated early **February 2025**

Key Dates and Information

Number of Applications and Fees

Maximum of 2 discipline applications per student.

- Cost of \$20 per application, per discipline
- If successful in the selection process, Arts Mackenzie has a \$150 enhancement fee for each year the student is in the program

Transportation

Transportation is not provided for YRDSB Regional Programs.

Questions?

Where To Find Information:

- The link to register and the information about the application will be posted on our Arts Mackenzie website.

Discipline Specific Questions:

Drama - stephanie.goldman@yrdsb.ca

Dance - jacqueline.toshakovski@yrdsb.ca

Music - megan.alexander-lui@yrdsb.ca

Visual Arts - troy.fogg@yrdsb.ca

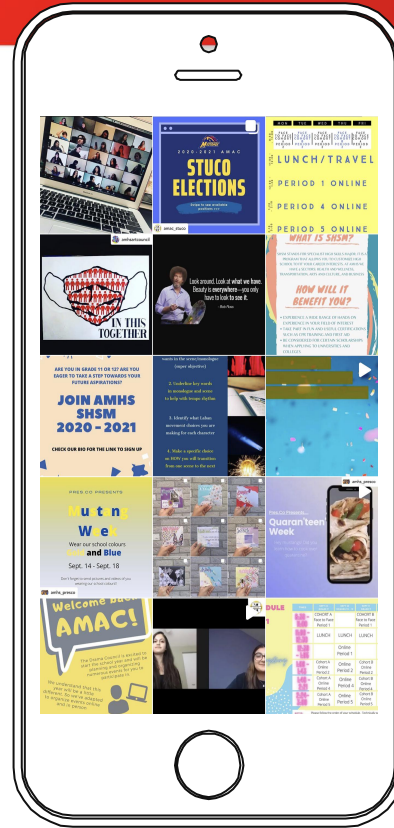
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Question and Answer Session in Lobby

Please join us in the lobby to meet our Arts Mackenzie students and faculty. We are delighted to answer any question that you have about the program.

We also invite you to join us at the Alexander Mackenzie High School Open House on November 21, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. to see our studio spaces.

Thank You!

Visit our Arts Mackenzie website **November 11th** to apply for the Arts Mackenzie program.

See you in the lobby for questions and answers with Arts Mackenzie disciplines.

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