



Creativity Thrives Here | Arts Mackenzie Applications for September 2025

The York Region District School Board's specialized arts program is designed for students who have a keen interest in their chosen arts discipline and who enjoy learning through the arts. At Arts Mackenzie, students will develop strong academic, artistic and life skills in a safe, inclusive environment. Arts Mackenzie students are incorporated into the academic and extra-curricular life at Alexander Mackenzie High School.

While working towards their Ontario Secondary School Diploma, students are required to take a minimum of eight arts credits in their chosen discipline. Students may apply to study one of the following Arts Mackenzie disciplines: dance, music (strings, instrumental, vocal), theatre or visual arts.

Benefits of Enhancing Your Secondary School Experience with Arts Mackenzie

- Academic programming enhanced by two arts credits in your discipline per year to achieve OSSD and YRDSB Specialized Arts Certificate
- A kinesthetic instructional approach to acquiring traditional, digital and financial literacy skills
- Develop confidence and perseverance while building transferable skills in communication, collaboration, critical thinking, creativity, and higher order thinking
- Extended learning opportunities from professional guest artists, unique field trips, and cross-curricular activities

Applications for **September 2025** will be open in **November 2025**. Families are asked to [visit our website](#) for more information and to register for the selection process by **December 1, 2024**.