

YRDSB Regional Arts Program

Information Night 2023



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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.

Arts Mackenzie Disciplines



Dance

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Music

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Theatre

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Visual Arts

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Arts Mackenzie Disciplines



Tonight's Presentation Will Be Available On Our Arts Mackenzie Website After November 7th

The screenshot shows the website for Alexander Mackenzie High School, a secondary school in the York Region District School Board. The page is titled "Arts Mackenzie" and features a large, colorful graphic with the text "ARTS MACKENZIE" and "DANCE MUSIC THEATRE VISUAL ARTS". The graphic includes illustrations of dance shoes, musical notes, and theatrical masks. The website header includes navigation links for AMHS, School Information, News & Events, Departments, Arts, IB Programme, Students, Parents, Guidance, Library, and School Council. There are also search bars for staff and students, and a Google Translate button.

Secondary
Alexander Mackenzie High School

Staff: --Select an Application-- Go
Students: --Select an Application-- Go

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Alexander Mackenzie High School

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Arts Mackenzie

ARTS MACKENZIE

DANCE MUSIC THEATRE VISUAL ARTS

Arts Mackenzie Information Night

November 6, 2023

Richmond Hill Centre For the Performing Arts

Questions? Please submit here:

<https://bit.ly/questionsartsmack>

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

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](#).

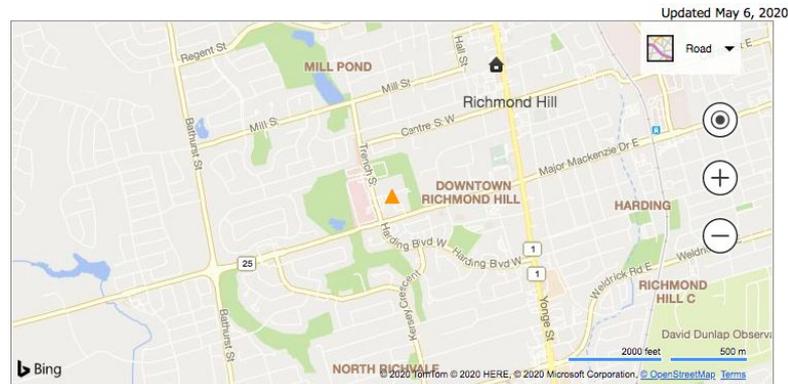
At Arts Mackenzie, students may apply to study the following disciplines: dance, music (instrumental, strings or vocal), theatre arts and visual arts.

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**.



Street Number *	Street Name *	Municipality
<input type="text" value="10268"/>	<input type="text" value="Yonge Street"/>	<input type="text" value="Richmond Hill"/>
<small>Begin typing, and choose from dropdown listing</small>		
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<input type="checkbox"/> IB School	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Arts Program (Secondary)	
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Alexander Mackenzie High School 300 MAJOR MACKENZIE DR W, RICHMOND HILL, ON		Grade Links
		09-12 School Profile Boundary Map

Arts Mackenzie Disciplines



Music

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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 Choice #1

In-Person Workshop

Visual Arts Workshop:

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

Artistic Demonstration Choice #2

E-Portfolio

Performance Tasks:

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

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

Theatre

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Artistic Demonstration Choice #1

In-Person Workshop

- Improvisation
- Collaborative Theatrical
- Group and Individual Theatrical Tasks
- Incorporating Technical Theatre Into Performance

Artistic Demonstration Choice #2

E-Portfolio

Creative Tasks Including:

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

Dance

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Dance

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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)

Application and Selection Process



Unique Facts About Arts Mackenzie

- ❖ Arts Mackenzie program is designed 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

Unique Facts About Arts Mackenzie

- ❖ 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, including the Richmond Hill Centre for the Performing Arts and historical Boynton House
- ❖ An option to take unique, cross-discipline electives in senior grades such as Musical Theatre, Film and Specialist High School Major

Applying to a YRDSB Secondary Regional Arts Program in 2023-2024?

There are **3 steps**:

1

Registration Online: Edsby

Nov. 10th - Dec. 1st 2023

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

2

Artistic Demonstration

Opens Dec. 4th, 2023

Due January 2024

3

Selection and Acceptance: Email Notification

Friday, February 2nd, 2024

Step 1: Registration on Edsby (Nov 10 - Dec 1)

Registration opens **November 10, 2023** and closes on **December 1, 2023**.

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 10, 2023.

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 4** 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 4 - Jan 30)

All students who submit an Edsby registration by December 1, 2023 **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 4, 2023 **to the e-mail provided on the Edsby Registration Form.**

Step 2: Artistic Demonstration (Dec 4 - Jan 30)

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

- E-Portfolio (Due January 12, 2024)

OR

- Participation In The In Person Workshop January 25th - 30th 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 4 - 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 identify if they will complete the artistic demonstration online through the E-Portfolio or in person during the workshop by December 15, 2023.

Artistic Demonstration to be completed in January 2024.

- E-Portfolio Due January 12, 2024 **OR**
- In-Person Workshop Scheduled Between January 25 - 30, 2024

Step 2: Artistic Demonstration (Dec 4 - Jan 30)

The success criteria for the artistic demonstration will be communicated with the students on **December 4, 2023** 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. Please reach out through the Google Classroom.

Step 3: Selection (Early February 2024)

All registrants who submit an artistic demonstration will receive notification about the results by February 2, 2024.

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 2024.

Key Dates and Information

Key Dates:

- Edsby registration opens **November 10th, 2023** and closes **December 1st, 2023**
- Information regarding the artistic demonstration sent to families by **December 4, 2023**
- Students must identify their choice of artistic demonstration (E-Portfolio or Workshop) by **December 15, 2023**
- Artistic demonstration submitted by **January 2024**
 - **EPortfolio January 12, 2024**
 - **In-Person Workshop January 25 - 30, 2024**
- Results communicated **February 2, 2024**

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

Key Dates and Information

Transportation

Transportation is not provided for YRDSB Regional Programs.

Key Dates and Information

Where To Find Information:

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

Questions?

Please see our FAQ posted on our Arts Mackenzie website.

Discipline Specific Questions:

Dance/Theatre - catherine.clarke@yrdsb.ca

Music - cher.alexander@yrdsb.ca

Visual Arts - alexandra.bhatia@yrdsb.ca

General Enquiry - arts.alexandermackenzie@yrdsb.ca

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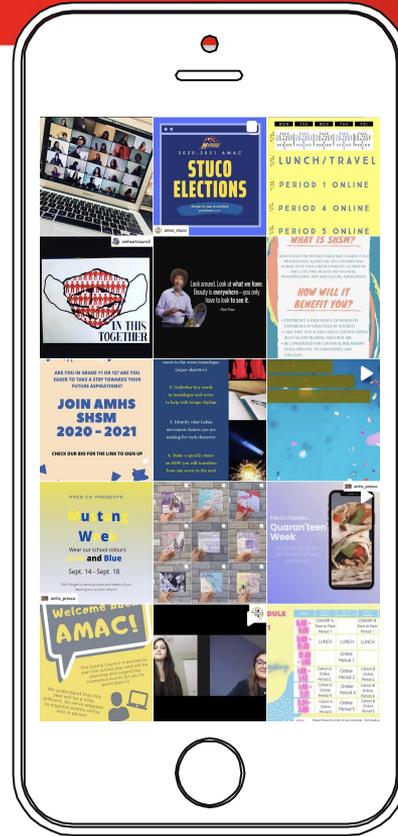
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Alexander Mackenzie Music Department



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 29, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. to see our studio spaces.

Thank You!

Visit our Arts Mackenzie website **November 10th** to apply for the Arts Mackenzie program.

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

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