

# YRDSB Regional Specialized Dramatic Arts Program

UHS Information Night

November 10th, 2022



# Principal's Message

On behalf of our administration and dedicated teaching staff, we would like to welcome you to our virtual Arts information evening!!

We would politely ask that all viewers turn off their microphones to ensure there's no distractions/sound feedback.

We do appreciate your interest in this amazing program and have anticipated many of your questions which we will address throughout the course of this evening's presentation.

Pls sit back and enjoy tonight. We hope you gain a greater appreciation and understanding for this very unique program.

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# What is the YRDSB Regional Specialized Arts Program?

The Secondary Arts Program is a 4 year program for YRDSB students who are committed to achieving excellence in 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](#).

Students may apply to study one of the Arts program disciplines, including: dance, drama, visual arts and music (vocal and instrumental). Some schools offer piano, string and theatre technology. Multiple applications may be submitted by one student to one school.

# What is the YRDSB Regional **Specialized Arts** Program?

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

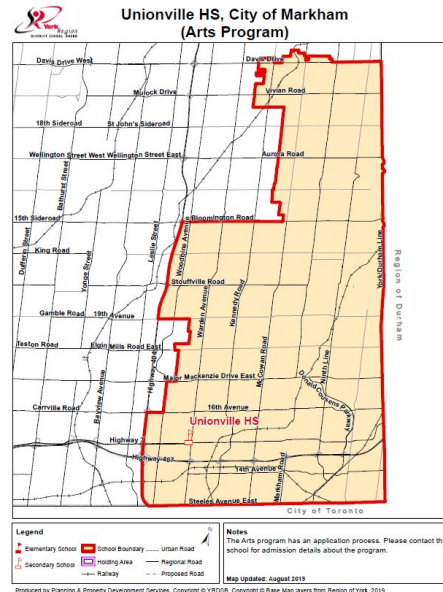
- [Alexander Mackenzie High School](#)
- [Huron Heights Secondary School](#)
- [Unionville High School](#)
- [Westmount Collegiate Institute](#)

# Boundaries

Families can locate their boundaries on YRDSB.ca under “[School Locator](#)”

- Markham: North of Steeles, West of York Durham Line, East of Woodbine, south of Bloomington,
- Stouffville: South of Davis Drive

*Tip: You can search an address & get a graphic of your school's Arts boundary.*



# Boundaries



- **Dance/ Drama/ Visual Arts:** Student must reside within Arts Unionville HS boundary
- **Music** - Winds/Percussion and Vocal: must reside within the Arts Unionville HS boundary
- **Music** - Strings: Student must reside within the Arts Unionville HS boundary or Huron Heights boundary
- **Music** - Piano: Student may reside anywhere in York Region



# Why might I select the Drama program?



There are many benefits and highly valued transferable skills learned from an Arts Education, including...

*Creativity, confidence, problem solving, critical thinking, perseverance, communication, time management, collaboration, self expression, social emotional awareness, focus, dedication, accountability, and many more.*

[Google and Project Aristotle](#)

[John's Hopkins University and Harvard University](#)

Arts Sector Data

# About the Program



- Students accepted into the program will take 8 credits within their chosen discipline (2 credits per year and 1 in each semester).
- They will spend their 4 years of high school with other students accepted into that program.
- Students will earn a certificate upon completion.
- Students will work with artists from the performing arts industry
- Have multiple public performance opportunities
- Explore pathways in the arts sector, and in non-arts sectors

# Core Programs

Our high school is proud to offer an excellent core arts program for all of our students. Students do not need to be enrolled in a Regional Arts program to receive an Arts education.

- Students in the Regional Arts program may also select from these courses in addition to their 8 Arts credits.
- Our Core program provides a wide range of courses that engage and address a range of interests and abilities.
- Any student interested in expanding their learning pertaining to the arts are encouraged to join SHSM in grade 11.

**1**

**Registration Online: Edsby**

Nov. 7th - Dec. 8th, 2022

\*\*If applying to a 2nd program an additional \$10 is required.

**2**

**Application Selection Process**

Jan. 26-30, 2023

**3**

**Acceptance: Email**

End of January, start of February, 2023

Please visit your regional Arts school for more information

# Step 1: Registration Information

## **KEY DATES:**

- **Opens November 7th, 2022**
- **Closes December 8th, 2022**
  - *Must be completed in 1 sitting.*

Registration will be done through Edsby.

- The link will be posted to the **ARTS** page of each Arts School.

Maximum of 2 applications per student.

- Cost of \$10 each application

A virtual application process will follow the Registration.

- Communicated to registrants week of December 12th, 2022

# What do you need for Registration?



- Your Student Number & OEN Number (*found on a student's report card*)
- Student's Name, gender and date of birth
- Student's home address and phone number
- Parent/Guardian Name and contact information
- Student's current school, grade and which YRDSB Secondary School the student would normally attend
- At registration, you may indicate a maximum of 2 disciplines the students wishes to apply for
  - Please note there is an additional cost for each application

# Dramatic Arts

The Drama program at ARTS UNIONVILLE is about YOU, the student.

**We are calling all students interested in: Writing, Acting, Dancing, Making original Music, Film and Television, Animation, Voice Over, Set and Costume design, Lighting and Sound Mixing and Design, Hair and Make-up, Stage Management, Marketing and Promotion, Mixed Media Art, Directing, Video Game Acting, and much more...**

Bring your stories to life and surround yourself with those who will elevate your energy and live your truth alongside you. [Find out how You are more creative than you think, in this video..!!!](#)



# Dramatic Arts Performance Opportunities

- AU Info Night Markham Theatre
- Drama Night (Dec 21st 2022) Markham Theatre
- Showtime Musical (1st week in January) Markham Theatre
- National Theatre School Festival UHS
- Alchemy Markham Theatre
- Spring Major Showcase Markham Theatre
- Touring Shows with the NTS and Elementary Shows



# Other Opportunities with Dramatic Arts

- Field Trips
  - Theatre, Film Studio Tours
- Guest Artists
  - Rob Kempson
  - Pete Jarvis
  - James Crocker
- Drama Council
- Arts Banquet 2023
- Travel, National Theatre School

# Step 2: Application Process

**The selection process will be in person this year. However, if you are unable to attend our staff will work with you to accommodate.**

- We invite interested students to submit their registration via Edsby. Once submitted, we will be contacting registrants and outlining the process to prepare the selection process.
- The criteria, by discipline, for the process will be shared with registrants & posted to each school's Arts page.
- The application details will be shared on December 12, 2022.

# Step 2: Criteria for Successful Selection - Drama



- The selection process gives applicants the opportunity to demonstrate their interest, passion and experience in the arts.
  - For the selection process, students will be asked to prepare **ONE** of the following in advance of the workshop: (Application details shared week of December 12)
    - A) Monologue (several options will be provided)
- OR
- B) A 2-3 minute 'story' reflecting the 'greatest hits' of your life

# Step 3: Selection

All registrants who submit an application will receive notification at the end of January to early February.

Registrants will receive:

- 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 Grade 9 registration process.

# Commonly Asked Questions



**Q** Are students eligible for bussing?

**A** The Arts Specialized program is an optional program. As per Policy and Procedure 680 Student Transportation, students attending optional programs do not receive transportation.

**Q** Can students apply to more than 1 discipline?

**A** Yes. You may apply to 2 disciplines. You may only accept an offer to 1 discipline.

**Q** Can I apply to a school that is outside of my boundary?

**A** No. Unless the program (ex Piano, Strings) is only offered at a specific school.

# Commonly Asked Questions



**Q** How can I support my child to be successful in the process?

**A** The school will provide clear success criteria. If you have questions please email the school contact that is shared on the school's website

**Q** I'm an international student attending YRDSB on a VISA. Can I apply?

**A** We are not accepting applications for VISA students this year.

# Important Dates



<b>Application:</b>	<b>November 7 to December 8, 2022</b>
<b>Email communication:</b>	<b>Week of December 12, 2022</b>
<b>Selection process in person:</b>	<b>January 26-30, 2023</b>
<b>Selection process e-portfolio:</b>	<b>December 12 - January 13, 2023</b>
<b>Acceptance email:</b>	<b>End of January to Early February 2023</b>
<b>Reply for acceptance:</b>	<b>February 2, 2023</b>

# Question Period





# Thank You!

Visit our Arts page to access the digital registration via Edsby.

It opens **November 10th!**

