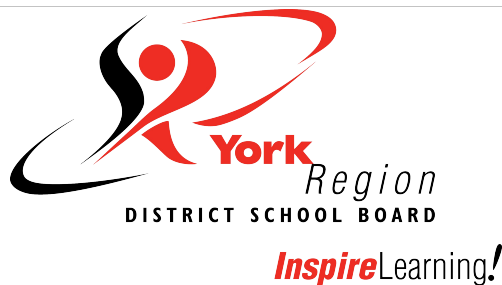


# YRDSB Regional Specialized Arts Program

UHS Information Night

November 1st, 2023



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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 [Arts Student Flow to Sec 2023.pdf](#).

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

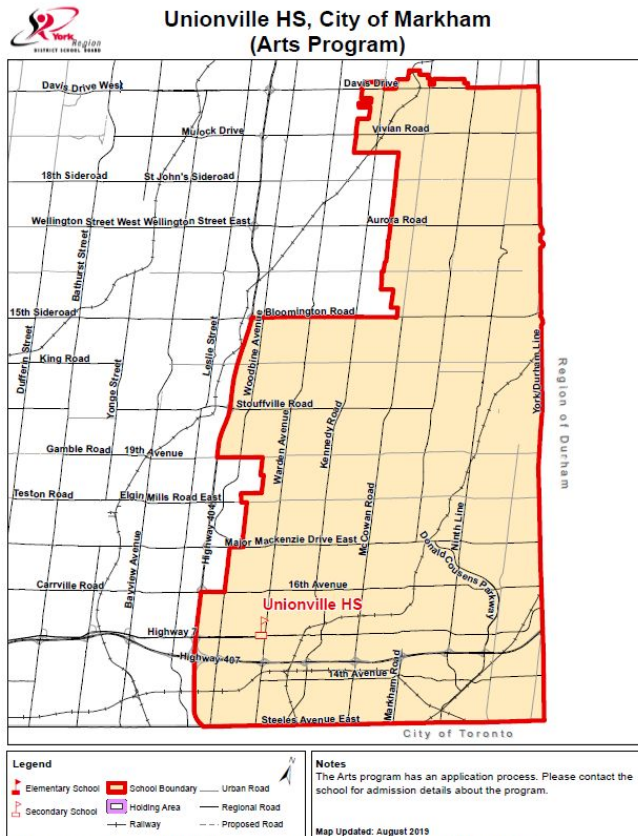
Families can locate their boundaries on YRDSB.ca under

“[School Locator](#)”<sup>37</sup>

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 program?



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

*Creativity, confidence, critical thinking, perseverance, communication, time management, collaboration, self expression, social emotional awareness, focus, dedication, accountability, technical training and skill development, portfolio development...and many more.*

# About the Program



- Students accepted into the program will take **8 credits** within their chosen discipline (**2 credits per year, 1 per semester**).
- Students will spend their **4 years** of high school with other students accepted into that program. The group or cohort of AU students take all of their AU classes together and move through grades 9 to 12 together.
- Students will earn a certificate upon completion.

# 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.

# Core Programs: Non - Arts Unionville Visual Arts Courses

**Visual Arts** (Core Programming) - Grades: 9, 10,11,12

**Photography** (Digital and Darkroom) - Grades: 10,11,12

**Media Arts** (Interactive Media, 2D and 3D CGI Animation, 3D Printing) Grades: 10,11,12

**Ceramic Design** - Grades: 10, 11,12

**Fashion Design** - Grades: 11

**Architectural Design** - Grade: 12



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**Registration Online: Edsby**

Nov. 10th - Dec. 1st, 2023  
\$20.00 per application (Max of 2 applications)

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**Application Selection Process**

Jan. 25 - 29, 2024

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**Acceptance: Email**

End of January, start of February, 2024

Please visit your regional Arts school for more information

# Step 1: Registration Information



## **KEY DATES:**

- **Opens November 10th, 2023**
- **Closes December 1st, 2023**
  - *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 **\$20** 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 of 2 disciplines the students wishes to apply for
  - Please note there is an additional cost for each application

# Step 2: Application Process



**The selection process will be in person, with the option for an e-Portfolio if the candidate is unable to attend.**

- 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



- The audition process gives applicants the opportunity to demonstrate their interest, passion and experience in the arts
- Specific details will be discussed in discipline presentations

# 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.

# Important Dates



<b>Application:</b>	<b>November 10 to December 1, 2023</b>
<b>Email communication:</b>	<b>Week of December 12, 2023</b>
<b>Selection workshop process:</b>	<b>January 26 - 30, 2024</b>
<b>Selection eportfolio process:</b>	<b>December 12 - January 13, 2024</b>
<b>Acceptance email:</b>	<b>End of January 31st, 2024</b>
<b>Reply for acceptance:</b>	<b>with in 24hrs of receiving email</b>



# Arts Unionville

## Visual Arts Selection Process 2023



# Art Unionville Visual Arts 2023 Selection Process

**The selection process is in person, with the option for an e-Portfolio if the candidate is unable to attend.**

**A: In Person.** Applicants are requested to participate in one of the three day in person workshops and portfolio assessment.

**B: Virtual e-Portfolio.** Should an applicant be unable to attend one day of the in person workshop dates, an e-portfolio option is available. Please contact the Unionville High School office for further details.

# Art Unionville Visual Arts 2023 Selection Process

## **In Person Workshop - Part A (overview)**

*A Visual Arts teacher will provide a short lesson and examples prior to each task.*

1. Create a value scale in pencil
2. Create a still life drawing - each student will receive the same object to draw like a pair of pliers, light bulb or ribbon
3. Creativity challenge
4. Series of gesture drawings using a live model

# Art Unionville Visual Arts 2023 Selection Process



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## In Person Portfolio Assessment - Part B (overview)

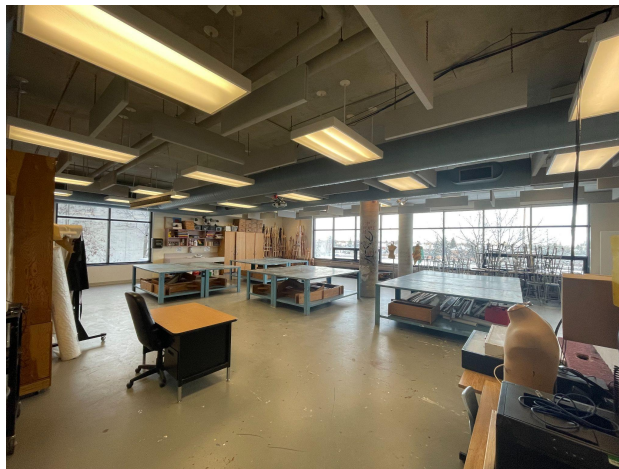
On the same day the candidate attends the workshop they will display their works, as identified below, from their portfolio. *Each candidate will have access to a table that has an approximate 3.5' by 2' surface to display their artworks.*

1. Self Portrait (any medium)
2. Sketchbook(s)
3. Still Life Drawing/Painting (any medium)
4. Sculptural - 3D work (any medium)
5. Submit three optional works in any medium: Photography, Computer Generated, Drawings, Pen and Ink, Collage, etc.
6. Max 250 word artists statement



# Art Unionville Visual Arts 2023 Selection Process

Set up Portfolio in rooms: 211, 212 and 213



# Arts Unionville

## Portfolio Examples





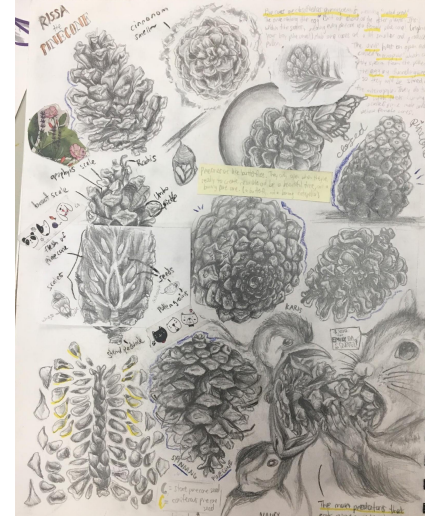
# Portfolio Assessment – Sketchbook Examples



Abstracted room concept designs  
for next drawing



Studies of horses



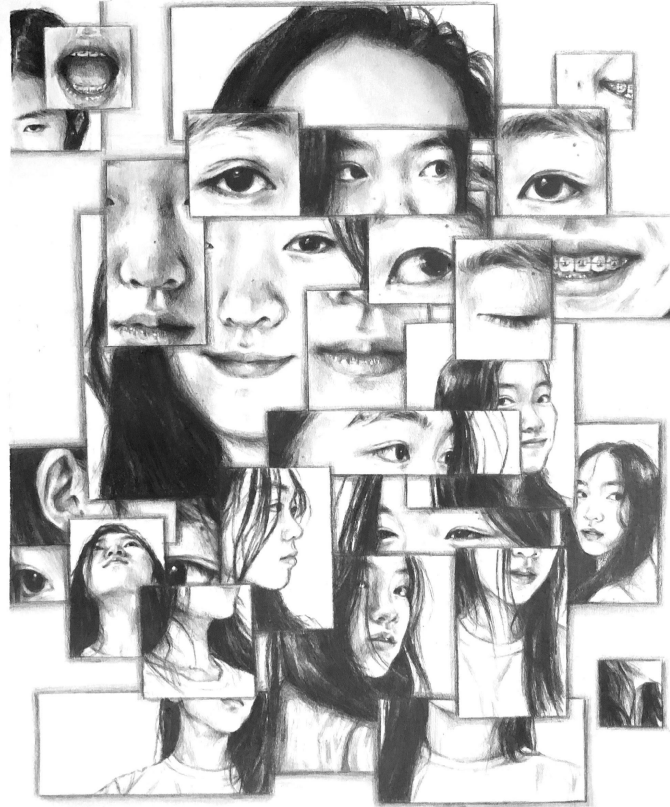
Studies of plant seeds

Title: Selected Sketchbook Images

Media: Mixed

Size: 8.5" by 11"

# Portfolio Assessment – Self Portrait



Title: Me, Myself & I  
Media: Pencil Drawing  
Size: 18" by 24"

# Portfolio Assessment – Still Life



Title: Wish  
Media: Acrylic Paint on Canvas  
Size: 12" by 12"



(Documenting the process is not a requirement, but can be included.)

# Portfolio Assessment – Sculpture / 3D work



Title: Armor Costume (Cosplay)

Media: Sheet metal, rivets, nuts and bolts

Size: 5'8" tall



# Portfolio Assessment – Optional Artwork #1



Title: Mid Day

Media: Watercolour and Ink

Size: 18" by 24"

# Portfolio Assessment – Optional Artwork #2

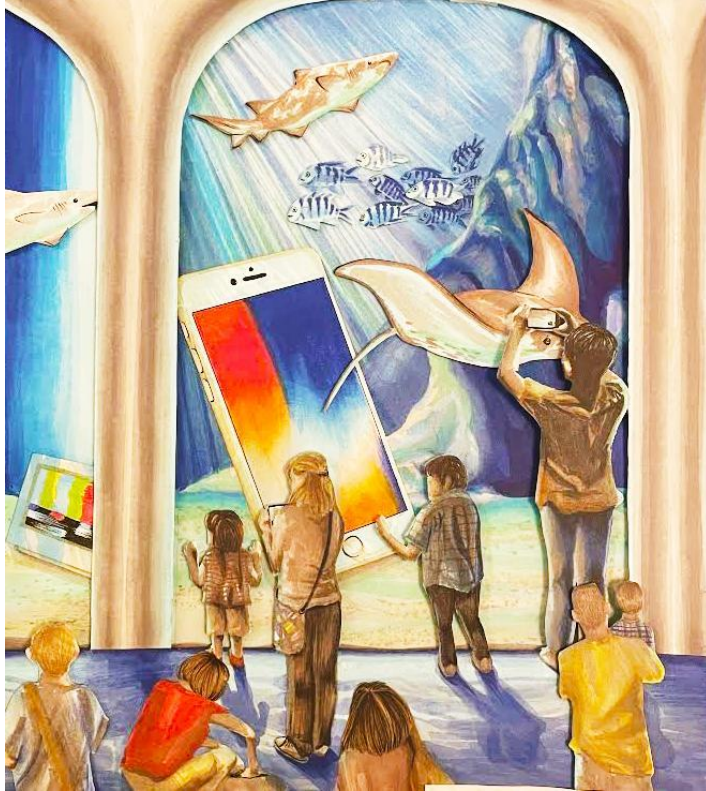


Title: KaPow

Media: Encaustics - Wax on Wooden Board

Size: 18" by 24"

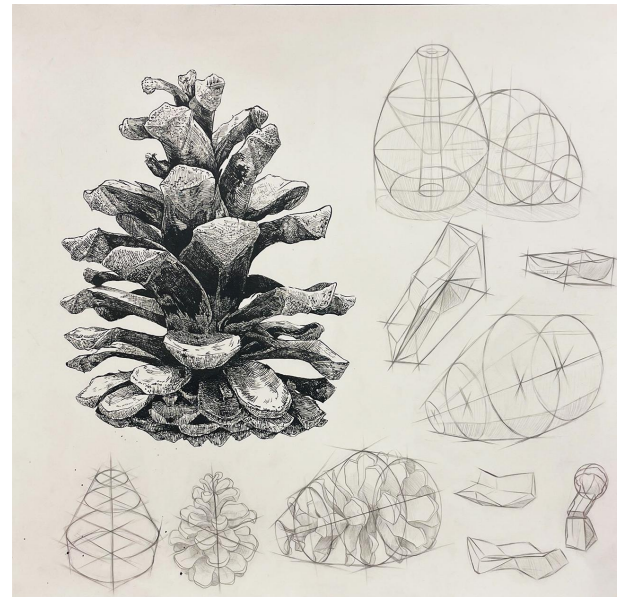
# Portfolio Assessment – Optional Artwork #3



Title: Fresh Attraction  
Media: Mixed Media  
Size: 18" by 24"



# Examples of Grade 9 AU Artworks



# Community Projects - Hwy 7 Mural





# Community Projects - Traffic Box Wraps



# Community Projects - Aaniin Community Centre





# Pan Am Centre - Window Mural





# Pan Am Centre - Vinyl Record



Thank you for your interest in the Arts Unionville  
Visual Arts program

