



DISTRICT OF NIAGARA ACADEMY FOR THE ARTS

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Program Information & Application 2019-20

GENERAL INFORMATION AND INSTRUCTIONS...PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

Please see the pages that follow for general information about this program. If you have further questions, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs. Bonnie Henderson, the Arts Program Leader, by phone or email at bonnie.henderson@dsbn.org.

Admission to this program is a **2-phase process: (1) Application and (2) Audition/Orientation Session.**

Grade 8 DSBN Student

Complete the application form and submit to your elementary school Principal prior to **Friday, December 14, 2018.**

Grade 8 Non-DSBN Student

Complete the application form and submit directly to the Guidance Office at Laura Secord Secondary School by **Friday, December 14, 2018.**

ALL STUDENTS must attend and successfully complete an Audition/Orientation Session scheduled for Thursday, January 10, 2019.

Please note that transportation will **not** be provided for out-of-boundary students who are accepted into the DNA Arts program.

For **current secondary school students**, the process will be the same as above but instructions regarding application submission and the Audition/Orientation Session will be arranged at a later date.

Parts A and B of the application form are to be completed by the student and parent/guardian. Part C will be completed at Laura Secord Secondary School at the mandatory Audition/Orientation session.

In accordance with Section 29(2) of the Freedom of Information Act, this is to advise you that the personal information collected here is done so under the authority of the Education Act R50 1980, c129 as amended, and will be used to develop an appropriate education/career plan. The personal information will be protected and retained as per the protection of privacy legislation and the retention schedule of the board.

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What is DNA Arts?

The District School Board of Niagara has incorporated into the regular program of study at Laura Secord Secondary School the District of Niagara Academy for the Arts (DNA Arts) program. It allows talented and committed Arts students the opportunity to concentrate their studies in the Arts while also completing the requirements for the Ontario Secondary School Diploma.

To be eligible for the DNA Arts Certificate, students must complete a minimum of two (2) Arts credits per year and must complete a total of at least eight (8) Arts by the time that they graduate (please refer to the Pathways Chart on the next page for more information in that regard).

In addition, students are expected to maintain a minimum academic average, participate in related school groups, and attend workshops, community activities, and other enrichment activities as required. These expectations are outlined in detail upon admission to the program. Please note that enrolment in the program is conditional and reviewed on an annual basis.

What programs are available?

DANCE

Dance majors will receive instruction in jazz, contemporary, and other techniques, as well as theory, in Grades 9 to 12.

DRAMA

Students wishing to major in drama will explore various forms and techniques in Grades 9 through 12. Creating and presenting dramatic works is stressed.

MUSIC

Music majors study the disciplines of band (not piano or guitar), strings, or vocal music in grades 9 to 12. The specialty after-school class in music repertoire allows students to work either solo or in small ensembles to study various music styles.

MUSIC THEATRE

Students wishing to major in music theatre will take Drama in grades 9 through 12. Specialty classes in grades 11 and 12 focus on dramatic production and music theatre. In addition, students will take Vocal Music in grades 9 and 10.

VISUAL ARTS

Students will take a regular Visual Arts course in grades 9 to 12. Specialty courses are offered in grades 11 and 12 where students focus on the fine art of drawing and painting or theatre set design. Design process, developing a personal style and showcasing art work are emphasized throughout the student's high school career. In addition to these courses, students will also take Media Arts or Stage Design at the grade 11 level.

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Program Pathways Chart

2019-20

GRADE	STREAMS				
	Dance	Drama	Music	Music Theatre	Visual Art
Grades 9 & 10*	ATC10 and ATC20	ADA10 and ADA20	AMI10A/B and AMI20A/B or AMS10A/B and AMS20A/B or AMV10 and AMV20 and AMR10 and AMR20	ADA10 and ADA20 and AMV10 and AMV20	AVI10 and AVI20
Grade 11*	ATC3M	ADA3M	AMR3M & at least 1 of AMI3M AMS3M AMV3M	ADA3M and ADB3M	AVI3M and AWM3M
Grade 12*	ATC4M	ADA4M	AMR4M & at least 1 of AMI4M AMS4M AMV4M	ADA4M and ADB4M	AVI4M and AWM4M
Other	<i>At least 4 additional Arts credits</i>	<i>At least 4 additional Arts credits</i>	---	---	<i>At least 2 additional Arts credits</i>
TOTAL	At least 8 credits	At least 8 credits	At least 8 credits	At least 8 credits	At least 8 credits
* Keep in mind that courses in future grades have pre-requisites*					



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PART A: TO BE COMPLETED BY STUDENT & PARENT/GUARDIAN

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Postal Code: _____

Parent/Guardian Name(s): _____

Parent/Guardian Email Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Parent/Guardian's Work Number: _____

Age: _____ Present Grade: _____

School that I am currently attending: _____

Your home boundary secondary school*: _____

(*Please note that if Laura Secord is not your home boundary secondary school, you must also complete and submit an Alternate School Request Form—please see your Elementary Principal or contact our Guidance Office for more information.)

Choose the **ONE** program that you are applying for:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Dance | <input type="checkbox"/> Music - Band (not piano/guitar) | <input type="checkbox"/> Visual Arts |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Drama | <input type="checkbox"/> Music - Strings | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Music Theatre | <input type="checkbox"/> Music - Vocal | |

My Arts education to the present, including activities outside of school (if you feel that you will require more space than what is provided, please feel free to attach a separate page):

<u>DISCIPLINE</u>	<u>DURATION (YRS.)</u>	<u>INSTRUCTOR / SCHOOL</u>

PART B: TO BE COMPLETED BY STUDENT

Neatly and in paragraph form, please tell us how you feel that your involvement in the DNA Arts Program will be a benefit to you? (If you feel that you will require more space than what is provided, please feel free to attach a separate page.)

TO BE COMPLETED BY PARENT/GUARDIAN

From your perspective, how do you feel that the DNA Arts Program will benefit your child? (If you feel that you will require more space than what is provided, please feel free to attach a separate page.)

Student's Signature _____

Date _____

Parent/Guardian's Signature _____

Date _____

We understand that every student **MUST** attend the Audition/Orientation Day, and that if accepted into the DNA Arts Program, transportation will **NOT** be provided.

PART C: TO BE COMPLETED BY TEACHER AT AUDITION/ORIENTATION SESSION

Student's Name: _____ Stream: _____

Date: _____ Teacher's Name: _____

	LIMITED	SATISFACTORY	VERY GOOD	EXCEPTIONAL	N/A
TECHNIQUE					
PRESENTATION					
ENGAGEMENT					
CREATIVITY					
PREPARATION					

Comments:

SAMPLE

Student accepted to DNA Arts Program? YES _____ NO _____

Teacher's Signature _____

