



DISTRICT OF NIAGARA ACADEMY FOR THE ARTS

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2021-22 Program Information

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, Arts Program Leader, by phone or email at bonnie.henderson@dsbn.org

Grade 8 students must do the following:

- (1) Complete the Online Application/Audition Form
- (2) Our DNA Director will follow up with this request after reviewing your application.

Current secondary school students wishing to transfer to Laura Secord, must do the following:

- (1) Complete the Online Application/Audition Form
- (2) Request a Transfer Form from your current secondary school and submit this form to Laura Secord's Guidance Department
- (3) Our DNA Director will follow up with this request after reviewing your application.

PLEASE NOTE: TRANSPORTATION IS NOT PROVIDED FOR OUT-OF-BOUNDARY STUDENTS WHO ARE ACCEPTED INTO THE DNA ARTS PROGRAM.

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 artwork 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

2021-22

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*					

DNA Arts Digital Audition Requirements

The main purpose of this audition is to provide us with the opportunity to assess whether the program is a good fit for you, and to learn more about your abilities, strengths, commitment, and creativity.

Please review the requirements carefully before submitting your digital audition file as part of your Google Form application.

All Dance, Drama and Music auditions should be submitted as a video file.

DANCE

Please record a one-minute dance solo in the genre of your choice. At the start of your recording, please state:

1. Your first and last name
2. The genre of your solo

DRAMA

Please record a 1-2-minute monologue from a published play. No costuming is required, but the monologue should be memorized. At the start of your recording, please state:

1. Your first and last name
2. The name of the character you are portraying
3. The name of the play the monologue is from
4. The playwright's name

MUSIC (Vocal and Instrumental)

Please record an instrumental or vocal solo of your choice. Before you begin, please state:

1. Your first and last name
2. The name of the piece you are performing
3. The composer/songwriter's name

Please Note: The music does NOT need to be memorized.

MUSICAL THEATRE

You will be submitting **TWO** files; one with the Drama monologue requirement and one with the Music solo requirement (see above).

VISUAL ARTS

Please upload a **Digital Portfolio** using **Google Slides** showing the following requirements (portfolios not meeting these requirements might disqualify your application):

- **Title Page** including your name, grade and school
- **Artist Bio** including a brief background of you as an artist. Write about your style, preferred medium, workshops you have taken etc.
- **Slide #3-12:** Clear JPEG/PDF photo of art including title and medium
- **Slide #13:** Pick your most successful work from the previous slides. Add an explanation describing **WHY** this was your most successful work of art and how you grew as an artist
- **Slide #14:** Pick your least successful work from the previous slides. Add an explanation describing **WHY** this was your least successful work of art and how you plan on growing as an artist

***Please make sure the photos are clear, up close photos of your work.**

***Please make sure you proofread your answers.**

***Please ensure you show a variety of styles, mediums and subject matter that demonstrate your creativity.**