



***DeKalb School of the Arts***  
**A DeKalb County School System Magnet Program  
 for Artistically and Academically Talented Students  
 2009 Blue Ribbon School**

### 2018-2019 Application

**Mission:** To provide the highest quality education through academics and the arts.

**Curriculum:** The curriculum includes general, accelerated, Advanced Placement and gifted academic classes along with drama, dance, vocal and instrumental music, media/film, visual arts, creative writing, theater design and production. Grades 8-12 are served.

**History:** The DeKalb Center for the Performing Arts (DCPA) began at Avondale High School in 1986. The DeKalb School of the Arts Magnet Program (DSA) opened as a “stand-alone” high school in 1999.

1. Have a minimum grade point average of 3.0. This average must be maintained each semester once enrolled in DSA. Students with grades BELOW 71 (D or F) in the most recent semester (Fall 2017) are not eligible for 2018-2019 application to DSA. \*
2. Submit a completed application which includes:
  - a. Complete the DCSD School Choice On-line Application by February 9, 2018
  - b. Complete the DSA paper application and submit all required documents directly to the school by 2 pm, February 9, 2018.
3. Submit the following documents directly to DSA. It is highly recommended that all items are submitted together at one time.
  - a. Pages 11, 12, and 13 of the application
  - b. Report card for Fall Semester 2017 Final Grades.
  - c. One confidential “Academic Recommendation Form” from an academic teacher within the last three semesters.\*\*
  - d. One confidential “Counselor Recommendation Form” from the counselor at the student’s current school.\*\*
  - e. Two confidential “Arts Recommendation Forms” from the student’s arts teachers. One recommendation is needed in each area in which the student is applying.\*\*
  - f. Portfolios as required for specific arts areas.
4. Audition in two art disciplines
  - a. At least one area must be performance – dance, drama, instrumental music, vocal music
5. Interview with the audition panels.
6. Students coming from home school or private school programs may need additional testing or courses to fulfill DCSD and Georgia diploma requirements.

\*Final registration into DSA is contingent upon receipt of final transcript with acceptable second semester grades (Spring 2018) and verification of DCSD proof of residency (less than 30 days old – May 15-June 15).

\*\*Recommendation forms must be placed in envelopes and signed across the sealed flap by the person completing the recommendation. Faxed/mailed recommendations will NOT be accepted.

\*\*\*If a student is not promoted to the grade level he/she was selected for enrollment, the student placement will be withdrawn (GA Milestones and/or Carnegie Credit earnings).

The decisions of the DSA selection committee are final.

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**Important Dates**  
**February 9, 2018 - 2:00 pm: Application Deadline**  
**School Choice On-Line and DSA Paper Application**

**DeKalb School of the Arts  
2018-2019  
Applicant Information Sessions**

January 6, 13, & 20, 2018 @ 10 a.m.

January 9, 16, & 23, 2018 @ 6 p.m.

**Important Dates:**

**Application Deadline: February 9, 2018 - 2:00 pm:**

**Step ONE:**

DCSD School Choice Application: [www.dekalbschoolsga.org/school-choice](http://www.dekalbschoolsga.org/school-choice)

**Step TWO:**

Mail or deliver all paper application materials directly to:

DeKalb School of the Arts  
1192 Clarendon Road  
Avondale Estates, GA 30002  
Attn: Application Committee

DSA Application and Resources are available at:  
[www.dsa.dekalb.k12.ga.us//Admissions.aspx](http://www.dsa.dekalb.k12.ga.us//Admissions.aspx)

**Other Dates:**

Auditions: February 26-March 1, 2018 (4 pm and after) at DSA  
Notification letters mailed by March 16, 2018  
Deadline to accept placement is March 30, 2018  
New student registration June 11-14, 2018



# *DeKalb School of the Arts*

## **2018-2019 Application**

Dear Parents and Students,

Thank you for your interest in applying to DeKalb School of the Arts (DSA). Our school is truly dedicated to its mission statement: To provide the highest quality education through academics and the arts. The academic and arts curricula combine to create a rigorous and demanding program which prepares students for a successful future after high school. DSA is part of the DeKalb County School District's Magnet Program.

With increased demands on students' time by the arts programs, students must enter DSA with a strong work ethic and academic base. DSA follows an alternating block schedule (8 classes total: 4 on A day, 4 on B day), so students will need to keep track of assignments and material needs. The DSA faculty is committed to academic success for all students, but students must do their part in completing assignments, asking for help, and completing assignments after absences. *This is a rigorous program – please carefully examine your child's current academic success, work ethic, levels of support needed, potential to be an independent learner, and family commitment in order to continue being successful in a fast paced and energetic high school setting as your family considers applying for DeKalb School of the Arts.*

DeKalb County School District (DCSD) magnet students must maintain an 80 numerical average each semester, earn 71 or higher in all classes and meet promotion requirements. If students earn lower than 71 in a class or the numerical average falls below 80, one probationary semester is allowed to strengthen academic achievement. In addition, DSA students must earn two production credits a year to remain in the program.

The size of DSA's program (430) affords students a "small school" atmosphere, but access to a wide variety of academic and artistic curriculum. Class sizes range from 15-35 depending on the level and course. Students in the Gifted Program are enrolled in at least one gifted class to meet state guidelines. Accelerated math and Advanced Placement (AP) level classes are offered. Due to teacher allotment for DSA's programming, sections of each course are limited which places restrictions on scheduling options. Each student's schedule is carefully managed to meet his/her diploma choice and artistic needs while maintaining state and district guidelines for graduation.

Students at DSA are expected to practice self-discipline as well as academic and artistic discipline. First and foremost, DeKalb School of the Arts is a public school within the DeKalb County School District. Students are held to the same code of conduct, regulations and range of consequences as any other DCSD student. Students are expected to follow all DCSD policies on school grounds, buses and performance venues.

The artistic programs at DSA offer students a wide range of experiences from dance to technical theater. Students must earn a minimum of two production credits a year (on-stage and behind-the-scenes). Acceptance into DSA does not guarantee students a place "on-stage" or in a top performing ensemble at first try. Most students audition several times before being placed in the spotlight. Feedback from auditions allows the

experience to be one of growth and learning. Students continue to study, practice and polish those skills needed to be placed in productions. The DSA staff is committed to the continued growth and development of talent. Many classes, such as chorus, band, orchestra, media and art, offer students performance opportunities within the class structure. Students are expected to enroll in the courses which support their audition areas throughout their DSA career.

Each spring, students go before an “Arts Review Board.” The arts staff meets with each student to evaluate his/her progress in the program. Grades, production credits, level of commitment to the program, declaration of major/minor and future plans beyond DSA are reviewed. The counselor also meets with each family annually to track graduation requirements, course sequencing, and post-secondary planning.

A variety of extracurricular opportunities are available for students: newspaper, yearbook, Beta Club, Student Government Association, Thespian Society, etc. *Students for the Performing Arts* (SPA) is a unique student organization at DSA. SPA acts as the student “booster club” for the arts. The SPA Banquet at the end of the school year is a special night to recognize outstanding student performances within the arts program. School dances, prom and other social events are offered like those in more traditional high schools. Class dues and yearbook fees can be expected. **DSA does not offer sports, marching band, drill team, cheerleading or Drivers’ Education.** Students cannot participate in another school’s extracurricular activities or clubs if enrolled at DSA. The 2018-2019 budget will determine if any transportation is available for school choice programs.

Students entering DSA in the 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup> grades must be enrolled for at least one school year before eligibility is earned to participate in Georgia High School Association sponsored events (One-Act Play Competition and Literary Meet).

Parents and the PTSA are vital components of the overall DSA program. Parents are expected to volunteer 20 hours per semester and are encouraged to participate in PTSA fundraisers. Through the PTSA, supplemental materials and programs are provided across the curriculum. Parents may earn volunteer hours by assisting with productions (box office, supervision, construction), sharing talents (sewing, master classes, guest lectures), assisting in the office, and chaperoning on field trips.

DSA graduates matriculate to some of the most prestigious post-secondary schools in the United States (UCLA, Harvard, Bard, University of Pennsylvania, Fordham, SMU, FSU, Boston University, North Carolina School of the Arts, Howard University, Hampton University, Tuskegee, and University of Alabama). In addition, students are accepted to Morehouse, Spelman, Emory, Georgia Institute of Technology, University of Georgia, Agnes Scott, and Savannah College of Art and Design. DSA graduates become professional dancers, actors, singers, doctors, lawyers and teachers.

The DeKalb School of the Arts experience is unique and rigorous. It requires a commitment from both students and parents to maintain high standards. If you require more information or have questions regarding the program, please contact the school.

Sincerely, *Susan M. McCauley* Principal

Email: [Susan\\_mccauley@dekalbschoolsga.org](mailto:Susan_mccauley@dekalbschoolsga.org)

# *DeKalb School of the Arts*

## 2018-2019 Audition Requirements

1. Auditions will only be scheduled for those students submitting a complete application by February 9, 2018, 2 pm, and meeting eligibility requirements. Submit all items directly to DeKalb School of the Arts. It is highly recommended that all items are submitted together.
2. All students will audition in TWO areas. Students must audition in at least ONE performance area (vocal music, instrumental music, dance, drama). The non-performance areas are design and production, visual arts, media/film, and creative writing. Students may audition in two performance areas. Students will choose a MAJOR and MINOR area for their auditions.
3. All students will be interviewed in each of the areas for which they audition. Students should be prepared to discuss knowledge of the disciplines, knowledge of the piece(s) performed (composer, author, choreographer, etc.) and their future plans in the arts at DSA and beyond.
4. Students are encouraged to dress appropriately and professionally for auditions.
5. Depending on the disciplines for which a student auditions, individual auditions may need to be scheduled over two days to accommodate the appropriate adjudication panels. Auditions are held during the week of February 26-March 1, 2018, and are scheduled after regular school hours, starting at 4:00 pm.
6. Portfolios for creative writing, design and production, and media/film will not be returned to the student. Only copies of work should be submitted with the application. DSA is not responsible for returning these portfolios.
7. Visual art portfolios with original works must be submitted with the application and be retrieved from DSA by May 31, 2018. *DSA is not responsible for any unclaimed portfolios after May 31, 2018.*
8. All students considered for acceptance into DSA will be evaluated through a comprehensive review of the application, teacher/counselor recommendations, auditions, interviews and academic achievement.
9. If a student is not promoted to the grade level he/she was selected for enrollment, the student placement will be withdrawn.
10. The decisions of the DSA selection committee are final.

### Creative Writing

Note: Creative writing portfolios will not be returned. Only copies of works should be submitted. Portfolios must be submitted with the application. If an 8<sup>th</sup> grade student is accepted into the creative writing program, their course of study will begin in 9<sup>th</sup> grade as there are no state courses available for 8<sup>th</sup> grade.



### Requirements

- Submit recent writing samples **no longer than three typed pages in length**. The writing samples may include a variety of original genres (poetry, short story, one act play, etc.) or samples may be of one genre.
- Produce a writing sample during a 25-minute impromptu session on the day of the audition. The writing prompt will be given to the student during the audition.

## Creative Writing - continued

### Judging Criteria

#### **Portfolio**

1. Diction
2. Unique expression of thought
3. Variety of syntax
4. Creative, individual style

#### **Impromptu Writing**

1. Ability to complete the assignment
2. Follows directions
3. Creates a work that includes all elements of that genre (i.e. a story that includes characters, plot, etc.; poetry that includes rhythm, figurative language, etc.)

### Dance

Note: Dress for dance audition:

Ladies: dance leotard, pink/tan tights, dance shoes (ballet and jazz), dance skirt - optional  
Gentlemen: tights, plain t-shirt, dance shoes (ballet and jazz)



### Audition Requirements

- Attend a required 1-hour dance class in which ballet, modern, and jazz combinations as well as dance improvisation exercises will be directed by DSA faculty. Solo auditions will occur after group dance class on the same day.
- Perform a 90 second (1.5 minute) solo dance utilizing one of these four genres: **ballet, modern, jazz or tap**. Students will provide their own music for solo dance (CD, MP3, SmartPhone, or iPOD playback are available).

### Judging Criteria

1. Technique – strength, flexibility, rhythm, accuracy, clarity of movement
2. Focus
3. Performance quality
4. Musicality
5. Potential



### Drama

Note: The best monologues are usually found in contemporary American realistic plays and are focused on another character that is present on stage during the scene. The piece should represent a role which is reflective of the student's current voice, age, range, physicality or personality. **Poetry (original or published), improvisation, film monologues, phone scenes or student written monologues are NOT appropriate.**

Play scripts may be found at the library, the drama section of bookstores or on-line at sites such as [samuelfrench.com](http://samuelfrench.com) or [dramatists.com](http://dramatists.com). Do not download monologues directly from the Internet.

## *Drama continued*

### Requirements

- Present ONE 2 to 4 minute memorized monologue selected from modern American realistic drama  
**OR**
- Present TWO contrasting 1-2 minute memorized monologues (one from the above mentioned genre, one from a contrasting genre such as Shakespeare, children's theater, comedic, dramatic, etc.) not to total more than 4 minutes
- No costumes
- Limit use of props to small hand-held items. One chair will be provided
- Introduce monologue(s) by stating name, name of character(s) being portrayed and title of play(s) from which character(s) were taken
- Use a strong focal point (avoid adjudication panel or chair)

### Judging Criteria

1. Clear diction and projection
2. Strong Movement Choices: avoid constant, unplanned or purposeless movement
3. Characterization
4. Familiarity with entire piece from which monologue is taken. The student should be able to discuss the scene, character, play and playwright if asked

## **Brass, Percussion and Woodwind Instrumental Music**

(baritone, bassoon, clarinet, flute, French horn, oboe, percussion, saxophone, trombone, trumpet, tuba)

Note: Provide a copy of the prepared piece for the audition panel.

### Rising 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Applicant Requirements

- Tune instrument
- Play 4 major scales and arpeggios
- Play one prepared excerpt from an etude or solo literature (approximately 24 measures)
- Sight-read
- Echo sing and play short melodies
- Clap rhythmic exercises

### Rising 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grade Applicant Requirements

- Tune instrument
- Play 5 major scales and arpeggios **and** 5 minor scales and arpeggios
- Play one prepared excerpt from an etude or solo literature (approximately one-half page)
- Sight-read
- Echo sing and play short melodies
- Clap rhythmic exercises

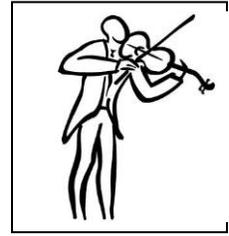


### Judging Criteria (All Grade Levels)

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| 1. Posture/breath control | 4. Rhythmic accuracy     |
| 2. Intonation             | 5. Articulation/tonguing |
| 3. Tone quality           | 6. Musicality            |

## Stringed Instrumental Music

( violin, viola, cello, bass)



Note: Provide a copy of the prepared piece for the audition panel.

### Rising 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Applicant Requirements

- Tune instrument
- Play one 2 octave major scale and arpeggio (use any bowing or tempo)
- Play one prepared excerpt from an etude or solo literature (approximately 24 measures)
- Sight-read
- Echo sing and play short melodies
- Clap rhythmic exercises

### Rising 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grade Applicant Requirements

- Tune instrument
- Play 4 two octave scales – 2 major with arpeggios, 2 minor with arpeggios (use any bowing or tempo)
- Play one prepared excerpt from an etude or solo literature (approximately one-half page)
- Sight-read
- Echo sing and play short melodies
- Clap rhythmic exercises
- Demonstrate development of vibrato

### Judging Criteria (All Grade Levels)

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|---------------------|----------------------|
| 1. Posture/position | 4. Rhythmic accuracy |
| 2. Intonation       | 5. Articulation      |
| 3. Tone quality     | 6. Musicality        |

## Media and Film Production

**Note:** To apply for a major or minor in Media and Film Production, **a portfolio must be submitted with the application.** Submit a copy of the portfolio (not the original) on a DVD, USB drive, or via URL (with login information, if necessary). The material will not be returned. The evaluation takes into account a student's experience, competence, and creativity used to produce the sample work. All work submitted must be produced by the student, with limited reliance on copy written material. DSA is looking for students who are self-directed learners with enthusiasm for storytelling and technology.



### Portfolio Requirements:

Sample Projects: Submit video or audio samples of your work. Only the first 5 minutes of a piece will be screened. Work may be produced via any digital production software, such as Final Cut Pro, Adobe Premiere, iMovie, FL Studio, Logic, etc.

*(Media and Film Studies Continued)*

Written Criteria: Each sample should include a synopsis that incorporates the following:

- A brief description of the project
- The equipment and software used to produce the sample
- The intended audience for the production
- The process for accepting and addressing feedback

Essay: Submit a essay (300-word minimum) that describes how you became interested in production and the impact you'd like to make with your work. Identify any individuals, concepts, or other work that inspires you.

Interview: Applicants should be prepared to elaborate on storytelling interests, technical skills, and goals in the DSA program.

Judging Criteria:

1. Completeness and accuracy of portfolio submission
  2. The student's interest, creativity, and passion for digital storytelling
  3. Student's ability to discuss the artistic process
  4. Student's openness to feedback and desire to improve
- \* It is suggested that students bring a backup copy of their project on a DVD or USB drive to the audition.

## **Theater Design and Production**

Note: Technical Theater portfolios will not be returned to students. Submit only copies of materials.  
Portfolio must be submitted with application.

### Rising 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Applicant Requirements

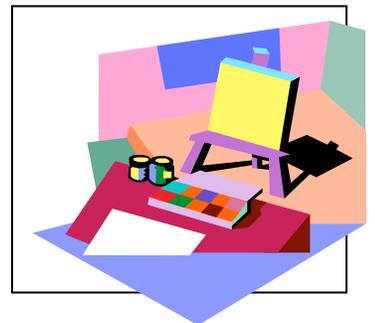
- Bring a photograph and show program of productions worked on, listing name and position.

### Rising 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grade Applicant Requirements

- Submit a portfolio and resume of work experience

### Judging Criteria (All Grade Levels)

1. Experience
2. Vocabulary
3. Competency
4. Long-term goals



## **Visual Art**

Note: Visual art portfolios with original works must be **submitted with application** and retrieved from DSA by May 31, 2018.

### Requirements

- Submit work in an “artist portfolio” binder with a handle (preferably red fiberboard – available at local art supply stores)
- Name and audition grade level (next year's) should be clearly visible on the **outside** of the portfolio

*Visual Arts continued*

- Submit five pieces of artwork done within the last two years which include the following:
  - 1 drawing of a shoe executed in pencil or felt tip pen
  - 1 self-portrait executed in any medium – labeled “**SELF-PORTRAIT**”
  - 1 drawing or painting of an object found in the home (kitchen utensil, food, container, etc.) – labeled “**HOME**”
  - 2 other original two dimensional drawings or paintings of the student’s choice (no copying of other artwork, anime’ or cartoons)
- Participate in an on-site drawing session of subject matter chosen by the adjudicator at the audition. Materials provided by DSA

Visual Art Judging Criteria

1. Line quality: good, clean contour lines and/or evidence of shading techniques
2. Composition: subject matter makes use of space
3. Use of color: evidence of some knowledge of color theory
4. Use of space: foreground, middle ground, background
5. Following directions, both with portfolio and on-site audition drawing

Vocal Music

Perform the selection from the required list below for the appropriate grade level. Copies of music and accompaniment tracks are available on the DSA website under the Admissions Tab. Accompaniment tracks are provided at the audition.

**Rising 8th grade students:** Drink to Me Only With Thine Eyes – Old English Air

**Rising 9th and 10th grade students:** Sebben, crudele - Caldara

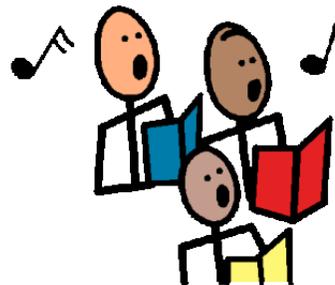
**Rising 11th and 12th grade students:** Danza, danza, fanciulla gentile - Durante

Sight-sing a short vocal example using an appropriate sight-singing method:

- Solfeggio or numbers
- Grade level examples are also found in the Audition Materials found on the DSA website under the Admissions Tab.

Judging Criteria

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| 1. Rhythm               | 4. Range/Technique |
| 2. Pitch Discrimination | 5. Musicality      |
| 3. Intonation           |                    |



## DeKalb School of the Arts Application 2018-2019

**Student: Complete pages 11, 12, & 13. Type or print (blue or black ink - one color only).**

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Last NameFirst NameMiddle Name

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Date of BirthAge

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AddressStreetApartment #

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CityStateZip Code

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School Presently AttendingCurrent Grade Level

**All information must be current and accurate to facilitate notification.**

\_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Parent/GuardianTelephone Number

\_\_\_\_\_

Work Telephone NumberE-mail address

Select the **TWO art areas** in which you will audition (**one** area must be performance based). Mark **A** for Major area and **B** for Minor area.

<b>Performance</b>	<b>Non-Performance</b>
Drama	Creative Writing
Dance	Theater Design / Production
Vocal Music	Visual Arts
Instrumental Music List the instrument you will play during the audition. _____	Media/Film Production

**Audition Application Deadline: February 9, 2018 2:00 p.m.**

**Application must be complete to be processed for an audition.**

**Submit creative writing, media/film, technical theater, and visual arts portfolios with the application.**

**Submit all application materials together directly to DeKalb School of the Arts.**

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Student SignatureDate

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Parent SignatureDate

Type or print (blue or black ink - one color only).

1. Explain why you should be considered for admission to DeKalb School of the Arts.

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2. State the reason(s) why you are interested in attending DeKalb School of the Arts.

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3. Describe your most rewarding experience in the arts.

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4. What are your plans after high school graduation?

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**Please list the required details for each art class you have completed.**

Type or print (blue or black ink - one color only).

**List art classes, instructors, and year(s) of study.**

<b>Discipline</b>	<b>Instructor(s)</b>	<b>Calendar Year(s) Studied (Example: 2015-2017)</b>

**List performance experience, director or organization, and date(s) of event(s).**

<b>Performance Experience</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Month and Year</b>

**List awards received, organization or person presiding, and date of the award or recognition(s).**

<b>Arts Awards (within the last 3 years)</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Month and Year</b>

**Application Deadline: February 9, 2018 2:00 p.m.**

**Audition Application must be complete to be processed for an audition.  
 Submit creative writing, media/film, technical theater, and visual arts portfolios with application.  
 Submit all application materials directly to DeKalb School of the Arts.**

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# DeKalb School of the Arts (DSA)

## Confidential Academic Recommendation Form



**(Recommendation must be submitted using this form).**

**Teacher: Place this completed form in an envelope and sign your name across the sealed area before returning it to the student. The envelope should only be opened by the DeKalb School of the Arts application committee. All application materials, including recommendation forms, should be submitted together. Faxed/emailed recommendation forms will NOT be accepted. Your timely response is extremely important. Print in blue or black ink.**

*This section is to be completed by the student.*

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student Name (Print) Current Grade Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student Signature Parent/Guardian Signature

*This section is to be completed by an academic teacher who has taught the student within the last two years.*

\_\_\_\_\_  
Teacher Name (Print) Subject

\_\_\_\_\_  
School/Organization Address State Zip Code

\_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone Number E-mail Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
Teacher Signature Date

Your honest evaluation of the student's potential academic success at DSA is very much a part of the selection process. Rate each statement.

5=Strongly Agree 4=Agree 3=Somewhat Agree 2=Disagree 1=Strongly Disagree N/O=No Opinion

\_\_\_\_\_ The student is academically strong.

\_\_\_\_\_ The student is creative.

\_\_\_\_\_ The student completes assignments as directed and in a timely manner.

\_\_\_\_\_ The student learns quickly and has good retention.

\_\_\_\_\_ The student follows directions and is focused during instruction.

\_\_\_\_\_ The student exhibits initiative and self-motivation.

\_\_\_\_\_ The student exhibits a well developed sense of integrity/ethics.

\_\_\_\_\_ The student is able to receive and process constructive criticism.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Overall, this student is an excellent candidate for admission into DeKalb School of the Arts.**

**Application Deadline: February 9, 2018 2:00 p.m.**

**Confidential Academic Recommendation Form**  
**Page 2**

I have known this student for \_\_\_\_\_ years/months.

My relationship to the student is (i.e. classroom teacher, tutor): \_\_\_\_\_

Briefly explain how this student has performed overall in the academic area you teach.

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Briefly explain why you believe this student has the desire, ambition and talent to enter a school which requires extensive after school production commitments as well as high academic standards.

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Please provide any additional information which would assist the DeKalb School of the Arts faculty in evaluating this student.

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**Place this completed form in an envelope and sign your name across the sealed area before returning it to the student. The envelope should only be opened by the DeKalb School of the Arts application committee. All application materials, including recommendation forms, should be submitted together. Faxed/emailed recommendation forms will NOT be accepted.**

**Application Deadline: February 9, 2018 2:00 p.m.**

# DeKalb School of the Arts (DSA) Confidential Counselor Recommendation Form



**(Recommendation must be submitted using this form).**

**Counselor: Place this completed form in an envelope and sign your name across the sealed area before returning it to the student. The envelope should only be opened by the DeKalb School of the Arts application committee. All application materials, including recommendation forms, should be submitted together. Faxed/emailed recommendation forms will NOT be accepted. Your timely response is extremely important. Print in blue or black ink.**

*This section is to be completed by the student.*

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student Name (Print) Current Grade Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student Signature Parent/Guardian Signature

*This section is to be completed by a school counselor who has worked with the student within the last two years.*

\_\_\_\_\_  
Counselor Name (Print)

\_\_\_\_\_  
School/Organization Address State Zip Code

\_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone Number E-mail Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
Counselor Signature Date

***Counselor evaluations often provide invaluable context to a student's application.***

How long have you known this student? \_\_\_\_\_ ( years) \_\_\_\_\_ (months)

In what capacity have you know this student? \_\_\_\_\_

What are the first words that come to your mind to describe this student?

\_\_\_\_\_

Does this student receive support services? Yes No Circle all that apply

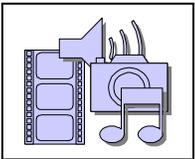
Gifted 504 IEP Vision Hearing Other \_\_\_\_\_

Describe model of delivery and number of hours of support (i.e gifted – resource or inclusion)

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Arts Area: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student Name (Print)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Current Grade

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
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\_\_\_\_\_  
Teacher Name (Print)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Subject

\_\_\_\_\_  
School/Organization

\_\_\_\_\_  
Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
State

\_\_\_\_\_  
Zip Code

\_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone Number

\_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail address

\_\_\_\_\_  
Teacher Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Your honest evaluation of the student's potential artistic success at DSA is very much a part of the selection process. Rate each statement.

5=Strongly Agree 4=Agree 3=Somewhat Agree 2=Disagree 1=Strongly Disagree N/O=No Opinion

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Briefly explain why you believe this student has the desire, ambition and talent to enter a school which requires extensive after school production commitments as well as high academic standards.

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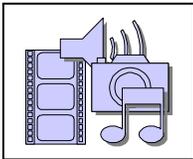
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**Step ONE:**

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**Step TWO:**

Mail or deliver all paper application materials directly to:

DeKalb School of the Arts  
1192 Clarendon Road  
Avondale Estates, GA 30002  
Attn: Application Committee

DSA Application and Resources are available at:  
[www.dsa.dekalb.k12.ga.us//Admissions.aspx](http://www.dsa.dekalb.k12.ga.us//Admissions.aspx)

It is **highly recommended** that all items are submitted together.  
Visual arts, creative writing, media/film, and theater design/production portfolios  
must be submitted with application.  
Only complete applications will be processed for auditions.

*Other important dates:*

*Auditions February 26-March 1, 2018*  
*Notification letters mailed by March 16, 2018*  
*Deadline to accept placement is March 30, 2018*  
*New Student Registration June 11-14, 2018*

