



# *DeKalb School of the Arts*

## **A DeKalb County School District Magnet Program for Artistically and Academically Talented Students**

### *Arts School Network Exemplary School 2018-2023*

### **2019-2020 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.

**To be considered for auditions and admission, students must:**

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 2018) are not eligible for 2019-2020 application to DSA.
  2. Submit a completed application which includes:
    - a. **Complete the DCSD School Choice On-line Application by February 8, 2019 AND**
    - b. **Complete the DSA paper application and submit all required documents directly to the school by 2 pm, February 8, 2019**
  3. Submit the following documents directly to DSA. It is highly recommended that all items are submitted together at one time.
    - o Pages 11, 12, and 13 of the application
    - o Report card for Fall Semester 2018 Final Grades.
    - o One confidential “Academic Recommendation Form” from an academic teacher within the last three semesters.\*
    - o One confidential “Counselor Recommendation Form” from the counselor at the student’s current school.\*
    - o Two confidential “Arts Recommendation Forms” from the student’s arts teachers. One recommendation is needed in each area in which the student is applying.\*
    - o Portfolios as required for specific arts areas.
  4. Audition in two art disciplines
    - o At least one area must be performance – dance, drama, instrumental music, vocal
  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 2019) and verification of DCSD proof of residency (less than 30 days old – May 15-June 15).
- 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.

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

**Important Dates**  
**February 8, 2019 - 2:00 pm: Application Deadline**  
**School Choice On-Line AND DSA Paper Application**

**DeKalb School of the Arts**  
**2019-2020**  
**Applicant Information Sessions**

January 12, 19, & 26, 2019 @ 10 a.m.
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January 15, 22, & 29, 2019 @ 6 p.m.
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**Important Dates:**

**Application Deadline: February 8, 2019 - 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 25 -March 1, 2019 (4 pm and after) at DSA

Notification letters mailed by March 15, 2019

Deadline to accept placement is March 29, 2019

New student registration June 10-13, 2019