

Audition Requirements and Procedures
Akron School for the Arts
Firestone CLC



The following items must accompany the student at the scheduled audition.

- The most current report card
- Two letters of recommendation from people who have worked with the student and can comment on his/her work ethic, character, and artistic abilities (not a family member)
- A resume listing recent accomplishments and honors, school, community or arts-related involvement
- A current picture

Visual Art Audition

- Students must present a portfolio of six to ten pieces of high-quality work done in the past year. Students need to bring evidence of planning, research, and exploration of ideas (most commonly contained in sketchbooks).
- Students will have to discuss the formal qualities of the work they chose to present.
- Students will be expected to demonstrate technical skills and an understanding of how to create an effective composition by cheating still-life drawings while they wait to be interviewed. They will have approximately 40 minutes to complete their drawings.

Dance Audition

- Students must come dressed in appropriate dance clothing.
- Students must perform a two-minute dance that the student or a teacher has choreographed. The student must provide their own music.
- Students will be asked to follow guided directions and will be taken through basic dance steps, combinations and improvisations.

Music - Vocal and Instrumental (Band and Strings) Audition

- Students will perform a solo, sung or played on their own instrument, preferably from the Ohio Music Educators Required List. (As current school music teacher or private music instructor for guidance).
- Vocal music students will sight sing a passage.
- Instrumental music students will be asked to play scales and sight read a passage.

Theatre Audition

- Students will present a memorized contemporary monologue.
- Students will be asked to perform an improvisation situation including elements of who, what, when and where.

Students with a specific interest in the area of technical theatre should be prepared to present the following additional requirements:

- Students will be asked interview questions as to their knowledge and interest in the area of technical theatre.
- Students will be asked to present drawings or photographs of their work to demonstrate their knowledge of technical theatre.

**Akron School for the Arts is an audition based program within the Kent State University Academy of Performing Arts and the Academy of Design*