

The Akron School for the Arts Guidelines



Description

The Akron School for the Arts is a “school within a school” model. It is a specific curricular track designed for the serious arts student, enrolling 250 students annually from grades 9-12. The ASA program provides demanding, sequential fine arts courses designed for maximum student skill development while dovetailing a challenging core curriculum to position students for success after high school. This intensive arts program benefits not only college entrance but also develops skills to ensure college completion including perseverance, collaboration, time management, accountability, and self-assessment. Students regularly work with regional university staff as well as professional artists from all of the disciplines to further enrich their experience and perspective. This rigorous program develops graduates who successfully compete with top visual and performing artists from around the country for coveted scholarships and placement into some of the nation’s top schools and conservatories. It is recognized regionally and nationally and many of our graduates have established thriving professional careers in the arts. The music, dance and performing arts programs are part of the Kent State University Academy of Performing Arts and the visual arts program is part of the Kent State University Academy of Design.

Entrance

This program is designed for students who demonstrate advanced technique in their art form and are looking for an experience that will stretch and challenge them artistically while engaging in a college preparatory academic environment. It is not an exploratory program. Students must audition for a place in The Akron School for the Arts program at Firestone Community Learning Center. Upon acceptance, students and parents will sign a contract of commitment and meet with counselors to schedule classes.

Transferring to Another Arts Focus

A student is permitted one transfer to another arts discipline provided it occurs within the freshman year. This ensures that the student has an opportunity to reach upper-level mastery in the required four years.

Exiting the ASA program prior to completion

If a student chooses to exit the program prior to completion, he/she will complete an Exit Interview form with the arts discipline teacher. Consequences for exiting include:

- Unable to re-apply
- Not receiving program endorsement
- Possible removal from performance ensembles
- Return to home high school - exception - student has sibling at FHS, student is a senior, student is enrolled in another specialty program