



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

2017-2018 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 two semesters (Spring 2016 and Fall 2016) are not eligible for 2017-2018 application to DSA.
 2. Submit a completed application.
 3. Submit the following documents. It is highly recommended that all items are submitted together at one time.
 - o Pages 11, 12, and 13 of the application
 - o Proof of residency for DeKalb County (current gas, electricity, water, mortgage statement less than 30 days old, or current rental agreement from leasing office). Families must presently reside in the DeKalb County School District’s attendance area.
 - o Transcript which shows Spring Semester 2016 and Fall Semester 2016 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 2017) and verification of DCSD proof of residency.
- If a student is not promoted to the grade level he/she was selected for enrollment, the student placement will be withdrawn.

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 recommendations will NOT be accepted.

+Students must have at least one arts recommendation form completed by a current arts teacher from their school in the discipline area.

Important Dates:

February 3, 2017 - 2:00 pm: Application Deadline

DeKalb School of the Arts
2017-2018
Applicant Information Sessions

January 7, 14, & 21, 2017 @ 10 a.m.

January 10, 17, & 24, 2017 @ 6 p.m.

Important Dates:

Application Deadline: February 3, 2017 - 2:00 pm:

DSA Auditions: February 21-24, 2017

Mail or deliver all application materials directly to:

DeKalb School of the Arts

1192 Clarendon Road

Avondale Estates, GA 30002

Attn: Application Committee

To find out more about DeKalb School of the Arts, visit these web-sites:

www.dsa.dekalb.k12.ga.us

www.dekalb.k12.ga.us

www.doe.k12.ga.us

The DSA Application brochure will be available in all middle school and high school counseling offices and on-line.

Other Dates:

Notification letters mailed by March 18, 2017

Deadline to accept placement is March 31, 2017

New student registration June 11-15, 2017