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Summer Arts 2019: Frequently Asked Question & Policies

Have a question not listed here?

Contact the School Office at 508-215-5116 or danforthartschool@framingham.edu

REGISTRATION

Which class is best for my child?

We understand that children vary in their development widely from grade to grade, and offer *Summer Arts* classes open to a two-grade range so parents/guardians may select which class best aligns with their child's developmental level; either the grade their child completed in June 2019, or the grade their child will enter in September 2019.

Students are not expected to have previous knowledge of the foundations of art or art materials at any class level. Techniques and theories covered in each class by age level are explained in the class descriptions.

Why am I redirected to Framingham State University during registration?

Danforth Art School has integrated with Framingham State University! The registration system is easier to manage, although it will look different to returning students. Please call the school office if you are having difficulty in registering 508-215-5116.

What is your class size and student-to-instructor ratio?

Classes have a maximum class size of 12 students per one instructor. In addition to one experienced instructor, each grade K-8 class also has at least one high school or college level assistant in the studio. High School classes have a maximum of 12 students per one instructor.

Can I register for morning or afternoon only?

Our 2019 *Summer Arts* program for Grades K-8 is full-day only. High School classes are offered half-day in both morning and afternoon sessions, with a discounted rate for full day immersion.

Do you offer extended days?

Yes, we offer both an Extended Day Morning Session from 8-9 am (**Monday-Friday**), and an Extended Day Afternoon Session from 4:30-6 pm (**Monday- Thursday only**). Registration is required for Extended Day sessions and additional fees apply. Children may be registered for Extended Morning (\$40/week), Extended Afternoon (\$50/week), or for individual sessions as space allows.

Do you offer discounts?

Yes! We are pleased to offer a discounted *Early Bird* rate of up to \$50 per class, available for a limited time until **Monday, April 30, 2019**.

A *Multi-Week Discount* is also available for all Grade K-8 classes. Register your child(ren) for more than one week of *Summer Arts* and you'll pay the listed price for each registration for the first full week, and receive 10% off each registration for each additional full week. There is no additional discount applied during the week of July 1-3 or to Extended Day sessions. The Multi-Week discount applies to the regular rate and to the Early Bird rate.

Full-Day Immersion Discount is available for High School classes. This year, we have added a Full Day Immersion discount! This is applicable to both the regular and early bird pricing.

We registered for a class, but now we can't come. Can we get a refund?

We understand this happens sometimes. Please call the school as soon as possible if you need to cancel a registration. Cancellations received at least 3 weeks prior to start date will receive a full refund. Cancellations received less than 2 weeks prior to start date will be refunded less a 10% cancellation fee per class. No refund will be issued after class start date except in the case of emergencies.

Do you offer financial aid?

Unfortunately, we are not able to offer financial aid at this time. Danforth Art School is committed to making studio art education available to our community and will be working to secure funding for scholarships again very soon.

How late can I register?

Space is limited, and classes fill quickly for this popular summer program. However, we will accept new registrations until the class start date as space allows.

DROP-OFF \ PICK-UP

What is the procedure for drop-off and pick-up?

We offer convenient, supervised curbside drop-off and pick-up at the school. Each family will be given a placard to display on their dashboard for use during pick-up. ***Watch for an email*** with specific instructions, and please follow signs regarding drop-off and pick-up lanes and traffic patterns. Guardians/caregivers are welcome to accompany their children into the building at any time.

What are drop off times?

Curbside and walk-in drop-off is from **8:45 am to 9am**, Monday through Friday. **Please be aware we will not be able to accept students before 8:45 unless they are registered for extended day.** For afternoon only High School students: There is *no supervised* curbside drop off for afternoon classes. Students may be dropped off from 1:15-1:30 pm, Monday through Friday

What are pick up times?

Pick up is from 4:30 pm to 4:45pm Monday through Thursday **only**. On Friday, starting at 4:15 pm, families are invited to view the week's creations on exhibit and pick up their children's portfolio of artwork. There is no curbside pickup on Fridays.

High School pick-up: Students enrolled in high school classes may sign themselves out, and be picked up 12 pm to 12:15 pm (for morning classes) and 4:30 pm to 4:45 pm (for afternoon classes) Monday through Thursday. On Friday, at 11:45 am (for morning classes) or 4:15 pm (for afternoon classes) guardians/caregivers are invited to come into the school to view student work and meet with the instructor. There is no curbside pickup on Fridays.

There is no curbside pick-up for students enrolled in Extended Afternoon sessions.

I am running late for pick up- what should I do?

If you are stuck in traffic, or have an emergency, please notify the School Office at 508-215-5116 as soon as possible. We may assess a late charge if the delay is greater than 30 minutes.

Can someone else pick up my child on some days?

Sure. Please make sure to list all adults who are authorized to pick up children during registration. For the safety of your child, if a different adult must pick up your child, please call the School Office to provide us with their information. Please remind the adult who is picking up your child that they will be required to provide a photo ID.

Where do I park when visiting Summer Arts?

Free parking is available in the lot behind our building at 14 Vernon Street. Please refer to [map](#).

THE ART-MAKING EXPERIENCE

How is *Summer Arts* at Danforth Art School different from other summer programs?

Unlike camps which include *some* art or craft, Danforth Art School *specializes* in exploring the creative process and reinforcing solid studio art foundations within a framework of fun, engaging, unique lessons taught by experienced teachers and working artists. In addition to lessons, our program features four components designed to expand the student experience:

- **Student exhibitions** enhance discussion about the viewer's relationship to art and reinforces the importance of craftsmanship
- **Museum tours** allow students to develop an aesthetic vocabulary and provides opportunities to integrate ideas.
- **Weekly portfolio** elevates respect for the process of art making and the finished artwork
- **Creative Challenge Period** allows mixed peer groups to solve open-ended creative challenges through collaborative invention and play. This is typically outside, weather permitting.

Is each week different?

Yes! This year for Summer Arts, we ask the question "What's the Story?" exploring the relationship between stories and images. Students in Grades K-5 will be inspired by weekly story categories such as *It's a Mystery*, *Intergalactic*, and *Amazing People*. Instructors will use the illustrations and ideas from the stories to lead projects which will allow individual expression for each child. Through painting,

drawing, collage, printmaking and sculpture, students will learn about scale, color, value, shape, texture and line- the foundations of art- and will go home with a portfolio of amazing artwork. Students in Grades 6-8 will enjoy classes designed around specific artistic materials and methods, developing skills and concepts- and will also go home with an impressive portfolio. Our High School classes allow for concentrated study as well as portfolio development and are taught by working artists and college instructors.

What kinds of materials will my child use?

Art-making can involve traditional materials such as charcoal, colored pencils, watercolor, acrylic paint, pastels, pen and ink, etc. It can also involve non-traditional materials such as found objects, textiles, wood, plastics, and altered books. *Summer Arts* allows for creativity and experimentation with all forms of materials.

My child really likes to use clay! Is clay used in the studio?

Some of our classes may incorporate air-dry clay; however, at this time, we do not offer ceramics classes.

Do I need any special materials for summer arts?

All supplies are included for grade K-8 classes. Most supplies are included for high school classes with additional required supplies listed in the class descriptions.

Plan to bring a bag or box when you come to the Friday Exhibition as your child will have a number of pieces to take home

We recommend that students wear clothing that can get messy! Students may bring smocks or oversized shirts to wear over their clothes, but should expect their clothes may still get messy.

SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS AND EMERGENCY CONTACTS

Who should be listed as an Emergency Contact?

During registration, please be sure to list the names and telephone numbers for all guardians or caregivers authorized to pick your child up from class or to act on behalf the child in the case of a medical or other emergency.

What number do parents call if they have an emergency?

Please call the School Office at 508-215-5116.

Can Danforth Art School staff give my child prescribed medication during *Summer Arts* hours?

Yes, however, please be sure to supply all necessary information in writing on the Consent Agreement form.

My child has special needs. How do I make sure those are addressed at *Summer Arts*?

We ask all parents to let us know anything about your child that will help us accommodate his/her learning needs. Please contact the School Administrator, Noelle Fournier, at 508-215-5115 or

nfournier1@framingham.edu to discuss any special circumstances your child may have. We will do our best to accommodate them.

SNACKS AND LUNCHES

Do you provide lunch?

No, students need to bring their own, nut-free lunches.

How long is the lunch break?

Supervised lunch takes place from 12:00pm to 12:30 pm.

Should we pack a snack for our child?

Yes! Each morning and afternoon class will have a short snack and stretch break. Please pack **two** healthy snacks **and a water bottle** labeled with the student's full name. Tip: make sure your child knows which food to save for lunch and what to eat as a snack!

Are you a nut-free facility?

NO. All students are asked not to bring snacks or lunches that, to the extent verifiable, contain nuts, tree nuts, or products containing those ingredients. However, we do not inspect people's belongings, and cannot guarantee that all participants will comply. Please alert the school office if your child has a serious allergy.

FEEDBACK/EVALUATIONS

My child had an amazing experience at Summer Arts. How can I give you feedback?

Thank you! We are always working to improve our programming and to provide a high-quality, creative experience for your children. Your feedback is greatly appreciated. You may contact us any time at 508-215-5116 or danforthartschool@framingham.edu