



Summer Arts 2017: Frequently Asked Question & Policies

Have a question not listed here?

Contact the School Office at 508-620-0937 or school@danforthart.org.

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. This year, parents/guardians may choose either the grade their child completed in June 2017, or the grade their child will enter in September 2017.

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.

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

Grade K classes have a maximum class size of 10 students per one instructor, and Grade 1-8 classes have a maximum class size of 12 students per one instructor. In addition to one experienced instructor, each grade K-6 class also has at least one high school or college level assistant in the studio. Grade 7-8 and teen classes have a maximum of 12 students per one instructor.

Can I register for morning or afternoon only?

Our 2017 *Summer Arts* program for Grades 1-8 is full-day only. Kindergarten classes are half-day in the morning only, and Teen classes are offered half-day in both morning and afternoon sessions.

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). On Fridays, we invite guardians/caretakers into the studios at 4:15 PM for a short student exhibition and **celebration of the week's creations**. Kindergarten classes welcome guardians/caretakers at 11:45 AM on Fridays.

Registration is required for Extended Day sessions and additional fees apply. Guardians may register your child for Extended Morning (\$40/week), Extended Afternoon (\$50/week), or for individual sessions (phone or in-person registrations only) as space allows.

Do you offer discounts?

We are pleased to offer a discounted Early Bird rate of up to \$50 per class, and available for a limited time until Thursday, June 1, 2017. The Early Bird rate will be listed online automatically as it is available.

A Multi-Week Discount is also available this year for all Grade K-8 classes, and a Multi-Class discount (same terms apply) is available for Teen 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. The Multi-Week discount applies to the regular rate or to the Early Bird rate, but cannot be combined with any other special discounts, coupons, or offers. Multi-week discount is available for IN PERSON or TELEPHONE registrations only, and is not available online.

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

Cancellations must be received at least 2 weeks prior to start date. There is a \$25 cancellation fee per class. No refund will be issued if cancellation is received less than 2 weeks before class begins.

Do you offer financial aid?

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

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?

The parking lot and main entrance of Danforth Art School is located at the back of the Jonathan Maynard Building at 14 Vernon Street, Framingham. The entrance to the parking lot is off of Grove Street. We offer convenient curbside drop-off and pick-up in the parking lot. Each Guardian/caregiver will be given a placard to display on their dashboard for use during pick-up. Watch for an email two weeks before classes begin with specific instructions, and please mind signs in the parking lot regarding drop-off and pick-up lanes and traffic patterns. Primary access to the building will be via the stairwell, but escorted elevator access at both drop-off and pick-up is also available should your child require it. (Guardians/caregivers are welcome to accompany their children into the school on the third floor of the building at any time.)

What are drop off and pick up times?

For all morning-only or full-day students: Drop-off is from 8:45 am to 9am, Monday through Friday.

For all afternoon-only students (teens): Drop off is 1:15-1:30 pm, Monday through Friday, in room 201.

Kindergarten pick-up: Kindergarten pick up is from 12pm to 12:15 pm, Monday through Thursday only. On Friday, from 11:45 am to 12 pm, guardians/caregivers are invited to come into the school to **see the week's creations on exhibit and pick up their children's portfolio** of artwork. There is no curbside pickup on Fridays.

Teen 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.

For afternoon pick-up: For students enrolled in Grades 1-8, pickup is from 4:30 pm to 4:45pm Monday through Thursday only. On Friday, from 4:15 pm to 4:30 pm, guardians/caregivers are invited to **see the week's creations on exhibit and pick up their children's portfolio of artwork**. There is no curbside pickup on Fridays.

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

What do I do if I cannot pick my child up on time?

Please make every effort to pick up your child on time. If you are stuck in traffic, or have an emergency, please notify the School Office at 508-620-0937 as soon as possible. There will be a \$10 late pick-up fee per child for the first 10 minutes late. You will be charged \$5 for every 5 minutes after.

Where do I park when visiting Danforth Art?

Free parking is available in the Danforth Art lot at the back of the Jonathan Maynard Building and accessible from Grove Street.

THE ART-MAKING EXPERIENCE

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

Unlike camps which include *some* art or craft, Danforth Art specializes in exploring the creative process and reinforcing solid art foundations within a framework of fun, engaging, unique lessons taught by experienced teachers and working artists.

We are pleased that art work from the Danforth Art Museum Permanent Collection is on view in our studios to inspire art-making.

Will my child bring home artwork every day?

Students will leave their creations at Danforth Art until Fridays, when they will be included in the student exhibition or as part of their portfolio. This process encourages reflective thinking and reinforces pride in creating quality artwork.

Is each week different?

Yes! This summer, students in grades K-6 will enjoy “Going Places,” an artistic exploration of movement, travel, and things on the go with weekly themes that inspire art-making. If you register your child for more than one week, they may use the same materials, or practice a similar technique, as their previous session, but their projects will vary and be influenced by the weekly theme. For example, during “Silk Road” week, students might create an image of a spice market in pastel or a sculpture of a camel caravan. In “Locomotion” week, students may build a mobile inspired by the movements of a hummingbird, or make a painting of an antique steam engine.

Students in grades 7-8 and Teens may repeat classes, even classes in the same media that repeat throughout the summer, as well; faculty will accommodate returning students with alternative projects as necessary.

All students attending *Summer Arts* classes will complete a number of projects during their class, and students attending more than one session will expand on this learning and may find their skills progress week to week.

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 classroom?

Some of our classes, particularly those for younger students, may incorporate air-dry clay; however, we no longer offer ceramics classes.

Do I need any special materials for summer arts?

All supplies are included for classes for grades K-8. Most supplies are included for classes for high school students (grades 9-12); additional required supplies will be listed in the class descriptions.

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.

What is the Creative Challenges Period?

This is a period in which groups of students get together after lunch to solve open-ended creative challenges through collaborative invention and play. This gives the children time to move and interact with peers outside the formal studio lessons. Some examples of activities include kite building, game design, sand castle design, sidewalk chalk challenges, sculpture

designs and much more. This one-hour creative break time will be held outdoors-weather permitting- on the safe, shady grounds of our building.

Will my child go outdoors?

Yes, when the weather cooperates, we will take advantage of a small, shaded, private lawn at the back of the Jonathan Maynard Building, our new home, for supervised outdoor play and activities. Children will be monitored outdoors on the lawn (on the parking lot side of our building to the left and right of the main entrance) by our faculty, staff, and/or studio assistants. Students will be attended at all times when outdoors. The edges of the lawn will be roped off and a small tent will be set up for children who need to remain out of the sun.

If you do not give your child permission to go outside, please inform the School Office staff in writing by the first day of class. We will make accommodations, including supervised activities, for those students who must remain indoors. (See below for information regarding sunblock and bug spray.)

REQUIRED FORMS

The **REQUIRED PROGRAM CONSENT & RELEASE FORM** must be on file by the first day of class for each Summer Arts student. This form has been updated for the 2017 season; please print and return an updated form for each student. Parents/legal guardians are required to complete the Program Consent & Release Form and return to the School Office by the first day of class.

Printable forms (PDFs) can be found online at www.danforthart.org. Please mail your form to: Danforth Art School, 14 Vernon Street, Framingham, MA 01701.

The Program Consent & Release Form includes the following items:

- Emergency Contacts
- Waiver of General Liability
- Waiver of Medical Liability
- Photography/Videography Release
- Teens Only Release (for permission to leave or remain on premises unsupervised)

A parent/legal guardian must complete the Emergency Contact List in full, and must sign and date each section of the form to acknowledge receipt of the Waiver of General Liability, Waiver of Medical Liability, and the Photography/Videography Release. Please submit information about medications or allergies, as well as any other information which may be helpful to staff (i.e. special needs, fears, behaviors, etc.).

Who should be listed as an Emergency Contact?

The Emergency Contact List on the Parent/Guardian Release Form must 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 508-620-0937.

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

No. Danforth Art staff members are not authorized to dispense medication or to assist in the administration of medication. Should a child need to take a prescribed medication during workshop hours, the parent/legal guardian must return to Danforth Art to administer the medication.

Will my child need to wear sunscreen or bug spray?

The lawn for outdoor play is well shaded, with short grass. However, you can reasonably expect that your child will be exposed to some sun or insects. If you would like your child to wear sunscreen, apply it before arriving. We do not provide sunscreen, and we will not apply sunscreen to children throughout the day, so please make sure to do so before they come. All bug spray must also be applied before arrival at *Summer Arts*.

Can someone else pick up my child on some days?

All adults who will be picking up children need to be listed on the Parent/Guardian Release Form for each child. For the safety of your child, if an adult other than those listed on the Parent/Guardian Release Form must pick up your child, please call the School Office to provide us with their information. Please remind the adult picking your child up to present a valid ID matching the name provided to the School Office.

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 (on the Parent/Guardian Release Form). Please contact the Art School Administrator, Noelle Fournier, at 508-620-0050 ext. 135 or nfournier@danforthart.org to discuss any special circumstances your child may have. We will do our best to accommodate them.

SNACKS AND LUNCHES

My Kindergarten or High School age child is attending for the morning or afternoon only. Can s/he stay for the lunch period?

No, supervised lunchtime is only available for students registered in full-day classes. Teens staying for both morning and afternoon classes in one week must sign the Teen Waiver which includes policies for leaving or remaining on the premises unsupervised (see additional FAQ below).

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 class will have a short snack and stretch break. Please pack a healthy snack and water bottles, each labeled with the student's full name. If your child is enrolled in a full-day class, please make sure your child knows which food to save for lunch if staying all day, and what to eat as a snack. We will provide potable drinking water available to refill water bottles if needed.

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.

My teen is taking both a morning and an afternoon class in the same week. How will they spend time between classes?

Please be aware that if your teens are attending morning and afternoon classes in the same week, Danforth Art does not provide supervision between classes. Parents/guardians must sign a waiver allowing their teen to stay on or leave the premises without Danforth Art supervision during the 1.5 hour period between classes. We will gladly provide an area where teens can enjoy a packed or purchased (a number of area restaurants walkable to the building) lunch, read a book, or otherwise relax between classes.

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 508-620-0937 or school@danforthart.org.