



Summer Arts 2018: **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 2018, or the grade their child will enter in September 2018.

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 has recently 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 508-620-0937 x 119.

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. Teen classes have a maximum of 12 students per one instructor.

Can I register for morning or afternoon only?

Our 2018 *Summer Arts* program for Grades K-8 is full-day only. 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). Curbside pick-up is not available for Extended Day Afternoons. 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. 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 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 **Monday, April 30, 2018**.

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. There is no additional discount applied to the 2-day workshops during the week of July 2-6 or to Extended Day sessions. The Multi-Week discount applies to the regular rate and to the Early Bird rate.

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?

We offer convenient, supervised curbside drop-off and pick-up on the FSU campus. 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 on campus 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 and pick up times?

Curbside and walk-in drop-off is from 8:45 am to 9am, Monday through Friday. Please be aware that staff is not available before 8:45 to check in your child unless you have purchased extended day.

For afternoon only teen 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

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 K-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.

Can someone else pick up my child on some days?

Yes. 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 picking your child up to present a valid ID matching the name provided to the School Office.

Where do I park when visiting Summer Arts?

Free parking is available in the Normal Hill Lot accessed via State Street and behind Larned Hall. Please refer to [campus map](#).

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 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.
We are pleased that this summer, Danforth Art Museum Permanent Collection artwork will be on view in the Mazmanian Gallery on campus. These pieces have been selected to support our theme.
- **Weekly portfolio** elevates respect for the process and the product

- **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 summer, students in grades K-6 will enjoy going “Around the World” in an artistic exploration of global cultures and locations 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 “North America” week, students might create a sculpture inspired by the culture of the first peoples from the northwest coast of Canada, or a painting reflecting the flora and fauna of the Everglades. In “North Africa and Middle East” week, students may invent a hieroglyphic inspired by the ancient Egyptians or create a colorful collage based on a beautiful Persian carpet design.

Students in grades 6-8 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.

Each week, all students in grades K-8 will complete a number of projects during their classes, 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 studio?

Some of our classes, particularly those for younger students, 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 (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.

SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS AND EMERGENCY CONTACT

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 508-620-0937.

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.

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 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

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