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# 2018-19 Northwest School of the Arts Audition Request

Mail or deliver to the school before the published audition request deadline. Faxed/emailed requests will not be accepted.  
Visit [nwsa-auditions.weebly.com](http://nwsa-auditions.weebly.com) and click on "The Audition Process, Step by Step" if you have questions about completing any part of this form.

1. **Please Print. Items marked with a \* are REQUIRED. YOU MUST have a current CMS ID number, OR if your child is new or returning to CMS Schools, you must have a stamped enrollment receipt from CMS.**

<b>STUDENT'S LAST NAME AS LISTED WITH CMS:*</b>	<b>STUDENT'S FIRST NAME:*</b>	NAME USED (NICKNAME)
<b>CMS ID NUMBER*</b> YOU MUST WRITE THIS NUMBER OR ATTACH ENROLLMENT RECEIPT FROM CMS:  If student is new/returning to CMS and waiting for a number, write "applied for," and clip CMS enrollment receipt to this page.	WRITE THE NAME OF YOUR CHILD'S <b>SCHOOL THIS YEAR:*</b>  <b>SCHOOL TYPE:</b> (circle one) CMS Charter Private Homeschool Other	<b>GRADE NEXT YEAR:</b>
<b>ADDRESS LINE 1:*</b>	APARTMENT NUMBER/LETTER:	
<b>CITY:*</b>	<b>STATE:*</b>	<b>ZIP:*</b>

<b>NAME OF PREFERRED PARENT TO CALL:*</b>	<b>BEST NUMBER TO CALL:*</b>
<b>EMAIL ADDRESS:</b>	OTHER PHONE NUMBER:
NAME OF OTHER PARENT OR CONTACT PERSON:	BEST NUMBER TO CALL:
EMAIL ADDRESS OR PHONE OF OTHER CONTACT PERSON:	

2. **Check the audition type (major) you would like to request.** (Choose one or two, circle your first choice if you choose two. Middle school students may only have one major, even if they pass two auditions.)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Band<br>(list instrument)_____      | <input type="checkbox"/> Dance                                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Costume Design (HS only)  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chorus                              | <input type="checkbox"/> Theatre (drama)                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Visual Arts:<br><i>Middle school Visual Arts requires portfolio review/audition at NWSA (see requirements.)</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Orchestra<br>(list instrument)_____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Musical Theatre<br>(includes Theatre) | <i>HS Visual Arts students have portfolio review only and do not audition at school (see requirements.)</i>                              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Piano (years experience)_____       | <input type="checkbox"/> Technical Theatre<br>(HS only)        |  |

3. **On the back of this page, the student should briefly describe in their own words why they want to attend NWSA, and list any previous experience.**
4. **Sign and date below:** I understand: 1. Audition requirements are online at [nwsa-auditions.weebly.com](http://nwsa-auditions.weebly.com). 2. An online lottery application (found on CMS website) is needed (along with a passed audition) for my child to be considered in the lottery for NWSA. 3. CMS- approved volunteers and staff may assist with processing my audition paperwork. 4. Feedback is not provided for passed or failed auditions, and audition decisions are final.
- 5.

Printed name (parent/guardian)

Signature (parent/guardian)

Date

 **Magnet Program Expectations Agreement****Visual and Performing Creative Arts Magnet Program at Northwest School of the Arts**

The Visual and Performing Creative Arts (V&PA) magnet will provide a stimulating arts environment in which infusion of the arts is the vehicle used to foster learning in the academic subject areas. Designed to address students' interests, skills and abilities in the arts, the focus of this program will be on enhancing academic achievement and encouraging excellence in the development of students' talents and passions for the arts. Students will receive specialized studies in the visual arts, theatre arts, music and dance so that their intellectual and aesthetic capacities will be strengthened both by the teaching of arts disciplines and by teaching the academic disciplines through the arts. The arts will be presented as an integral part of a strong academic program. Students will be taught an arts-infused curriculum developed using national arts education standards to promote and support the goals and objectives of the Common Core and NC Essential Standards (formerly *North Carolina Standard Course of Study*) for each grade level. The arts will serve as the core of the curriculum, allowing for varied teaching strategies to be utilized and for increased opportunities for student success. Participatory instructional strategies will be designed to address the learning needs of students and to encourage advanced study in a particular discipline of the arts.

**Expectations for the Teacher**

Teachers throughout the elementary, middle and high school levels will participate in magnet theme-related training in order to facilitate a wide variety of arts-driven experiences for students. Direct instruction will be provided by highly qualified, certified teachers in dance, music, theatre arts and visual arts. Exposure to resident visual and performing artists, arts venues, and performance and exhibition opportunities is intended to provide students with professional role models and authentic arts experiences. Teachers will integrate the arts through the core curriculum to enhance the development of creative thinking and to encourage the student to see the relevance of learning to real-life situations.

**Expectations for the Student/Family**

Visual and Performing Creative Arts students are expected to demonstrate conscientious academic effort by regularly completing assignments and by participating constructively in lessons, activities, performances, etc. At every grade level, the program requires focus and discipline. The student should have a strong interest in the arts and be committed to developing personal artistic abilities, enjoy participating in artistic performances and endeavors, be a creative, original thinker, and work well independently or in groups. Families should be supportive by regularly attending school activities and ensuring that their child participates in performances, including evening arts events. Performance participation is an expectation, and will affect students' grades. Making sure students are at school on time and are picked up on time by the parent, if the student does not take the school bus, is an expectation. Pick-up from afterschool events within thirty minutes of the completion of the event is an expectation. Failure to comply with arrival and pick-up times will result in assignment to the student's home school.

**Required Auditions and Minimum Magnet Courses**

In addition to the above, all prospective V&PA magnet students and continuing V&PA magnet students in grades 5 and 8 are **required** to submit an audition application packet and successfully participate in an audition prior to applying to the magnet program in grades 6-12. Applications to audition can be found on the "**Audition Information**" page of the Northwest School of the Arts webpage. Visual and Performing Arts magnet students in grades 6-12 are expected to fulfill minimum course requirements related to the magnet theme in order to maintain active status and to continue to the next grade level in the magnet program. Each year, students in grades 6, 7 and 8 must be enrolled in and pass at least one (1) arts major elective course in the area in which her or she passed the NWSA audition, and students in grades 9 and 10 must be enrolled in and pass at least two (2) arts major year-long elective courses. Students in grades 11-12 must be enrolled in and pass three (3) arts magnet theme-related courses. High school students who fail academic classes are still required to take the minimum number of arts classes. This can result in delaying their expected year of graduation.

Parent/Guardian signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_ Parent contact number: \_\_\_\_\_

CMS ID Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade level next year: \_\_\_\_\_

Student signature (for MS and HS): \_\_\_\_\_ Student's date of birth: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_

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Northwest School of the Arts    1415 Beatties Ford Road    Charlotte NC 28216    Attn: Audition Coordinator

## For Your Reference Only: KEEP this page!

- Auditions are by appointment only. If your form is complete, we will call you to schedule an audition. We usually will not call earlier than 4-5 weeks before the audition date. You are still encouraged to submit this form early, as appointments are booked in order of requests received.
- Middle school Visual Arts students have an audition/portfolio review at NWSA on a scheduled audition date (see requirements.) HS Visual Arts students submit a portfolio (see requirements) and do not audition in person.
- All other students audition at NWSA. Please print your child's audition requirements so they can prepare for their audition(s).

### **Audition Day Instructions (for scheduled auditions only:)**

Auditions take place in our Arts Building, which is the large gray building (with big circles on it) on the left hand side of the school, off of Celia Avenue. Do not go to the front of the school. Drive down Celia Avenue, and take a right at the gate for parking. If your audition is on a weekday and our carpool line is still in process, you should go past the carpool and take a right into the lower student lot.

Arrive at least 15-20 minutes prior to the audition time. If school is still in session, please do not enter the school until the bell rings. Our regular days end at 4:15, and our early release days end at 1:15.

Enter the Arts building through the double doorway facing Celia Avenue; not through the courtyard or other doors. Please check in at the table at the end of the hall and pick up any handouts we may have for you.

**If you are late to your audition, you may have to wait until the next audition date. We are not able to interrupt auditions that are in progress.**

A parent/designated adult must be present unless the student is of driving age. They should stay the entire length of the audition in the designated waiting area. (You may want to bring a sweater; the room can be cold at times.) Important lottery information is shared, as well as Q and A session. This is your chance to get information, to minimize the chance of making an error in your lottery application, and to learn information that will help you make an informed decision about possibly sending your child to Northwest.

NWSA students and high school students who drive and are without a parent should pick up a handout and wait in designated areas, and not get distracted socializing. Sorry, parents are not allowed in the audition room!

It is YOUR and the STUDENT's responsibility to keep track of the audition time, especially if a student has two auditions on the same day. You need to make sure that when auditions are called, that you send your child to the correct audition.

Please make sure your child is well prepared! The requirements are outlined by major under the Application Requirements tab of the website.

### **Lottery Information:**

Be sure to pick up a handout at the check-in desk.

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