

What is the Summer ST-ARTS Program?

ST -ARTS is a Winthrop University summer program for 300 public school students in grades 6-8 with Special Talents in the ARTS. Sponsored jointly by the School of Visual and Performing Arts and the Clover, Fort Mill, Lancaster, and York school districts, this program provides an intense three-week experience in the visual and performing arts [dance, drama, voice, instrumental, and the visual arts] for artistically gifted and talented students. The faculty consists of regional and national artists, master teachers, and the Winthrop University Arts Faculty. Curriculum for the program is designed and evaluated in accordance with the South Carolina Visual and Performing Arts Framework. The program concept and design have been cited by the State Department of Education as a model for cooperation between an institution of higher learning and its consortium of public schools. Since its inception in 1989, the Summer ST-ARTS Program has served thousands of middle school students.

When does the program take place?

The Summer ST-ARTS Program will be held June 4-22, 2018, weekdays only, from 9:00 AM to 3:30 PM. STUDENTS SELECTED FOR ST-ARTS MUST ATTEND THE ENTIRE THREE WEEKS OF THE PROGRAM.

Where is the program located?

The program is housed on the Winthrop University campus in the arts facilities. Rutledge Building (visual arts). Johnson Hall (drama and dance) and the Conservatory (music).

What are the required Workshops?

In addition to the three weeks in June, there will also be three Saturday workshops. Dates for the workshops have been determined by Winthrop University. The dates are **February 3, March 10, and May 12, 2018**. The morning of the February 3rd workshop is a parent orientation. Student attendance at ALL Saturday workshops is expected. Students who do not attend at least one Saturday workshop will not be permitted to

attend the summer program. The workshops will be held from 9:00AM to 1:00PM on the Winthrop University Campus.

What is the cost of the program?

The Summer ST-ARTS Program is funded through contract with each participating school district and Winthrop University. There is no cost to student to participate. Parents are responsible for transportation for the three workshops. For the summer program, York School District One will offer transportation each day from district pick-up sites for participating students free of charge.

What happens during the day?

Students spend the first part of the day in a variety of instructional opportunities in their major area. These may include the following: dance (creative movement, ballet, modern, jazz, and choreography), drama (creative dramatics and short stage works), music (chorus, sound design, instrument master classes, piano, composition, MIDI), visual arts (photography, drawing, printmaking, furniture design, jewelry making). In the afternoons, each student participates in a “minor” arts area that he/she selects.

Special performances are also an integral part of the summer program, and have brought to campus many regional and national organizations. Presentations and performances by the ST-ARTS faculty are also included. Parents are encouraged to attend on the last day of the program to engage in what the students learn.



How do I qualify for the program?

ST-ARTS students are selected through a competitive screening process. In the fall of each year, parents and teachers may nominate or refer students to participate in the screening auditions on **Friday, November 17, 2017**. If your child shows a serious interest in an art form [dance, drama, music or visual art]; spends time pursuing one of the listed art forms; expresses emotions in and through a listed art form, he or she may qualify for the summer ST-ARTS program. More specific information about auditions will be communicated to students who are nominated. Auditions will take place for 6th grade students at YIS starting at 8:00AM. Auditions for 7th and 8th grade students will take place at YMS starting at 10:30AM. There are no make-ups for auditions.

You must participate in the audition process to participate in the ST-ARTS Program. Please refer to the notes below for audition guidance.

Music – Voice & Instrumental – Students should bring a solo piece to perform, two copies of the selection and an instrumental accompaniment tape/CD if used.

Dance – Small group auditions, wear appropriate, comfortable clothing, three tasks: warm up, improvisation and technique. No prepared routine needed.

Drama – Small group auditions, warm up activities, individual improvisation, no make-up, costumes, or props allowed. No prepared routine needed.

Visual Art – Each candidate should prepare a portfolio with **at least three** original works that best represent his/her art skills and interests. One of which should be a **still-life** drawn from observation. Works should not be traced, copied, or copyrighted (including cartoon images) but can be two- or three-dimensional. There will be a short interview and on-site observation drawing as well. Turn in the portfolios to your art teacher before **Wednesday, November 15, 2017**.

NOMINATION FORM (PLEASE PRINT)

Due by October 31, 2107

Name _____

School _____ Grade _____

Parent/Guardian _____

Address _____

_____ Zip Code _____

Email _____

Phone _____

_____ I would like for my child to audition and be considered for the artistically gifted and talented program in the following area:

(Only circle **ONE** of the areas)

ART DRAMA DANCE VOICE

INSTRUMENTAL _____
(type of instrument)

I give permission for my child to audition on **Friday, November 17, 2017** at York Intermediate School or York Middle School. 6th grade students at Hickory Grove Elementary School will be bused to York Intermediate School for auditions. I understand that completion of this form **does not** guarantee placement in this program.

Parent Signature
Return to the Guidance Office



Who do I contact?

Curriculum Information on ST-ARTS

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Specific Information

(requirements, schedules, eligibility)

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Parent Reminders

- Students are expected to attend the spring workshops and the entire three weeks of the summer program.
- Transportation is not provided for spring workshops but will be provided for the summer session.
- There is no parent cost for students to attend this program.
- Auditions will be November 17, 2017. Students will need to meet audition requirements. There are no make-ups for auditions.
- Nomination forms are due by October 31, 2017 to your child's guidance counselor. Late nominations will NOT be accepted.
- Students who audition will be notified via mail by the end of December with results of selection or non-selection into the program.



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Program**

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