



2024 Summer ST-ARTS Program

What is ST-ARTS?

Special Talents in the ARTS (or ST-ARTS) is a weekday summer arts program held in June for 3 weeks. ST-ARTS is hosted and staffed by Winthrop University and students in grades 6-8 are eligible to audition in Music (voice or instrumental), Dance, Drama, and Visual Art. For more details, please feel free to visit Winthrop's ST-ARTS website at: <https://www.startswinthrop.com>.

How do I prepare for auditions?

- **Music:** Bring a solo piece to perform, two copies of the selection, and an instrumental tape/CD if needed.
- **Dance:** Small group auditions. Wear appropriate clothing. Three audition tasks will include warm-up, improvisation, and technique.
- **Drama:** Small group auditions. Audition tasks will include warm-up activities and individual improvisation. No make-up, costumes, or props allowed.
- **Art:** Student should bring a minimum of three original works that best represent the artist's skills and interests. One must be a still life. Works should not be traced or copied (including cartoon images). Work can be 2D or 3D. No more than 4 works total. There will be a short interview and an on site observation drawing.

What can I expect at ST-ARTS?

Your time at ST-ARTS will be spent in "major" and "minor" areas where you will experience instruction by world class instructors on the Winthrop University campus. Students who are selected will participate in our summer program from June 10 to June 28, 2024, from 9 am to 3:30 pm each day. The summer program will encourage students to conceptualize and create art through a variety of processes, classes, and experiences.

Sponsorship to attend ST-ARTS is managed through each district separately. Please contact your school ST-ARTS coordinator to find out more information on auditions and participation.

The Summer ST-ARTS Program at Winthrop University 2024

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 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 charge to the students. **However, transportation IS NOT provided.**

What happens during the day?

Students spend the first part of the day in a variety of instructional opportunities in their major art 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.

How do I qualify for the program?

ST-ARTS students are selected through a highly competitive screening process. Each year the school districts send ST-ARTS information letters to all 6th, 7th and 8th grade students. New students nominated for the program should:

- Show a serious interest in an art form (dance, drama, music, or visual art)
- Spend time pursuing an art form
- Express emotions in and through an art form, and
- Create unique responses to given stimuli.

All nominated students receive information from the school representative on preparing for the audition. Students receiving qualifying scores in the screening are selected for the Summer ST-ARTS program.

Transportation to Winthrop is not provided.

This year auditions for the ST-ARTS program will be held at Springfield Middle School on **Thursday, November 16th** beginning at 4:00 PM. Information about the requirements of each arts area audition submissions is located on the district curriculum webpage. Your school's representative, listed below, will be your point of contact for questions and the submission of work.

Parents: If your child would like to participate and you give permission for your child to audition, please complete the [Intent to Audition Form](#) **by November 2, 2023.**

I understand that completion of this form does not guarantee placement in this program and understand that **transportation for the program IS NOT provided. If your child is selected to participate in the program he/she will be notified in December/January.**

TRANSPORTATION IS NOT PROVIDED

Summer Sessions at Winthrop

9:00 am-3:30 p.m. each day

Monday - Friday

June 10-28, 2024

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