

**Deltona Middle School's
Performing Arts Academy
Application
2024-2025**



Please Submit Application by May 4, 2024 via email or in person to:

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Alpha Code: _____

Student Name: _____

Current School: _____ **Current Grade:** _____

T-Shirt Size: Youth— S M L

-OR-

Adult – S M L XL XXL

Parent/Guardian #1

Name:

Home Address:

Phone # (cell, work, or home?):

Email:

Parent/Guardian #2

Name:

Home Address:

Phone # (cell, work, or home?):

Email:

Purpose: To challenge aspiring students to become active members of an elite Performing Arts Academy by incorporating several unique courses into an academy environment: **Theatre 1** (drama), **3D Art** (set design, prop fabrication, costumes, makeup), and **Technical Theatre** (sound, lighting, house management, publicity).

Criteria for Acceptance: Students who are considered for this opportunity must be in 6th, 7th or 8th grade, have a Cumulative Grade Point Average of 2.0 or higher and are *encouraged* to enroll in either Art, Band, Chorus, or Orchestra for the 2024-2025 school year.

Costs to Students: The financial obligation for students in the program will be \$40. That amount will cover the cost of an academy shirt to be worn on designated school days and for academy sponsored events. The remaining will be used towards the cost of performance rights, materials for props, costumes, etc.

Behavior Expectations: It is a great honor to be accepted into our Performing Arts Academy. Therefore, Performing Arts students are held to a higher level of behavioral expectations. Students are expected to display characteristics of perseverance and grit which will assist them in developing a strong work ethic. Students who exhibit consistent or extreme behavior that prevents those characteristics from being displayed by themselves, or their classmates, will be placed on Academy probation; which may result in their removal from the Performing Arts program.

After School Commitments: The Performing Arts Academy is a program that allows students the opportunity to experience what life is like as a theatre worker and performer. This means there are scheduled after-school commitments all students must attend for a grade. These requirements are for all students in the Performing Arts Academy. Each semester will culminate in a large-scale performance that will have the students participating for an entire week after school the week of the performance.

*****The following questions are to be answered by the applying student (parents/guardians must NOT write answers for students):**

In the Performing Arts Academy, there are three major components: (1) performing onstage, (2) creating props/sets/costumes/makeup for the stage, (3) running lights and sound/promoting the show.

Of these, which **ONE** would you most like to be a part of, and why?

Because students in the PAA will be auditioning for roles and assuming leadership position backstage, some students may not get the exact role they intended/auditioned for. In your opinion, what is the best way to handle rejection when auditioning for a role or applying for a leadership position?

Almost every aspect of the Performing Arts Academy is built on teamwork. How would you handle a situation where a member of your team is being rude or refusing to participate in the group? What would you do if a group refused to listen to your ideas?

Putting on plays can only happen in a clean and organized environment. What are three ways you would keep the stage, art room, or sound booth clean and organized?

Being in the Performing Arts requires that students be openminded and willing to try new things such as performing in front of the class, creating posters, etc.; when was the last time you stepped out of your comfort zone to accomplish a goal, and how did you do it?

Throughout the learning process you may need to work independently on individual projects. How can you keep yourself accountable for staying on task? Give an example.

Guardian Acknowledgement of Admission

Our admissions policy seeks students who have achieved proficiency in reading, writing and mathematics skills, and whose performance testifies to their commitment to learn in all their studies. Deltona Middle Performing Arts Academy seeks students who have expressed an interest in performing with respect to Music, Theater, and Art, and they want to become involved in a rigorous academic environment which emphasizes these subjects.

Due to the nature and rigor of the academic content to be delivered, students should have a passion for learning. It is highly recommended that students have solid attendance records with very few absences. Due to this early college model and mastery-based learning system, students will need to demonstrate persistence when faced with challenging academic expectations.

Guardian Participation

Deltona Middle School's Performing Arts Academy is a program that stresses self-reliance, self-advocacy, and community. Students who are accepted into the academy are expected to do more duties and functions than they have in other academic environments. Performing, rehearsing, organizing, fundraising, and community involvement are fundamental aspects of the program. Every individual will have a unique experience while participating in the academy.

Please understand there is a \$40 Academy fee that will be due at the beginning of the school year.

I hereby certify that I have read and understand the enrollment and admission guidelines above, and that this application has been filled out to the best of my knowledge.

Student Name (Printed)

Student Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Name (Printed)

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

If accepted, I would like for the Academy elective to take the place of:

_____ **PE** (PE waiver must be submitted; waiver on next page)

_____ **Any of my elective choices**

Physical Education Annual Waiver Form

Elementary and Middle School

- ☐ I hereby waive grade level physical education requirements for my child this school year and verify that my son/daughter is participating in physical activities outside the school day that are equal to or in excess of the mandated requirement (K-5: 150 minutes per week, 6-8: one class period per day for one semester each year).

OR

- ☐ I hereby waive grade level physical education requirements for my child this school year by requesting that they be enrolled in another course from one of the courses offered as options by the school district. I understand that placement in an alternate course will be based upon seat availability.

I also understand that this waiver must be renewed each year that I wish to waive these requirements.

Student Name

Grade

Parent/Guardian Name (please print)

School

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Please turn in to School Principal or Designee.

Applications for the 2024-2025 school year must be received no later than March 1, 2024.

This waiver will remain in effect for one school year.

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