



## QUESTION AND ANSWER

### ***Q. What is Karen Kain School of the Arts?***

**A.** Karen Kain School of the Arts (KKSA) is a publically funded middle school with an emphasis on arts integration, specifically, drama, dance, vocal music, visual arts and media.

### ***Q. How can my child enroll at KKSA?***

**A.** Students must be in their Grade 5 year, complete the online application by the deadline and participate in a student workshop. Every September, KKSA admits 60 Grade 6 students. We attempt to balance the program by gender. We maintain a waitlist of all other applicants who may be offered a placement at the school in the event that there is a vacancy in the Grade 6 or 7 program in the future. Students are only admitted via this process and in the Grade 6 or 7 year. No admissions are offered in the Grade 8 year. KKSA

### ***Q. What is the application process for my child to attend a workshop at KKSA?***

**A.** KKSA has an online application system. Each year the system opens in early October. All students who apply before the deadline will be granted a place in the student workshop. **The application system will automatically close on the Friday, before the Winter Break at 3:00 p.m.**

### ***Q. What if I miss the application deadline?***

**A.** We **do not** accept and/or process late applications.

### ***Q. Who is eligible to apply to KKSA?***

**A.** KKSA is governed by the operating policies and procedures of the Toronto District School Board. However, as a publically funded school, we receive funding from the Ministry of Education. **To be eligible for admission, a candidate must reside within the province of Ontario. Also recognize that there is no transportation provided to and from the school.** KKSA will accept applications from students currently attending any Ontario Public or Catholic school, private school or students who are home schooled.

### ***Q. How are the needs of Special Education students supported at KKSA?***

**A.** Our program model supports our philosophy of integration of students identified with special education needs. Through our HSP program, special needs students can receive support within the classroom for up to 50% of the school day.

### ***Q. How are the needs of French Immersion students supported at KKSA?***

**A.** KKSA offers the Core French Program that follows the expectations of the Ontario Curriculum. Teachers work to diversify the program to accommodate the needs of individual students, from both French Immersion and French language schools.

### ***Q. Where can I get more information on KKSA?***

**A.** KKSA will be holding an information evening on November 7, 2018 at 6:00 PM at Etobicoke School of the Arts. Due to the limited space in our school, we hold this event off-site. Translation support for language and those who are deaf or hard of hearing will be made available upon request. Please call or email KKSA in advance to make these arrangements at 416 394-7979 or karenkainschoolofthearts@tdsb.on.ca (Two weeks notice required.)

### ***Q. Is it possible to have a tour of KKSA?***

**A.** Unfortunately tours cannot be accommodated due to disruption to student programming and capacity safety issues. Elements of daily school programming are showcased at our Information Evening in November. Students accepted into KKSA and their parents attend an information session at KKSA in May (TBD) prior to their entry in September.

### ***Q. How does KKSA ensure that the application process is equitable?***

**A.** At KKSA we are committed to ensuring that fairness, equity, and inclusion are essential principles of our school community and are integrated into our registration process, programs, operations, and practices. KKSA follows the Equitable Policy practices as outlined on the TDSB website: [TDSB Equity Policy](#). KKSA attempts to balance the program by gender. As aligned with TDSB policies, KKSA strives to meet the accommodation needs of persons with disabilities. Applicants are encouraged to make their needs for accommodation known in advance during the application process.

# KAREN KAIN SCHOOL OF THE ARTS



## QUESTION AND ANSWER

**Q. My child has a sibling currently attending KKSA. Will they be granted admission?**

**A.** KKSA is a specialized program that is specific to the needs of the individual student. Every child is evaluated on an individual basis. Siblings are not guaranteed admission to KKSA.

**Q. My child receives accommodations and/or modifications to their daily programming. How do I ensure the same level of support during the workshop?**

**A.** You may choose to provide KKSA with a copy of your child's most recent IEP by Friday February 1, 2019 delivered by mail, courier, in person or through TDSB board mail (ask the Office Administrator at your home/closest TDSB school).

**Q. How do I know that the school has received my child's application?**

**A.** All on-line applicants will receive a confirmation via e-mail.

**Q. Does my child need to prepare anything for the day of the workshop?**

**A.** No, your child does not need to prepare anything for the workshop. The workshop is representative of a typical day at KKSA!

**Q. When does the workshop take place?**

**A.** The workshops take place on Friday February 22, 2019 in either the a.m. or p.m. (Depending on the number of applicants, there may be a need to add a Thursday February 21, 2019 afternoon workshop.) Families will be notified of the student's workshop time on January 18, 2019 via e-mail.

**Q. Is there a fee for the workshop?**

**A.** Yes, there is a \$35.00 non-refundable workshop fee. Please bring **cash** payment to your child's workshop session. The fee goes towards offsetting the cost of materials and other administrative expenses. If this fee is a hardship to any family it will be waived to permit all children an opportunity to participate. Please contact the school directly to discuss this matter.

**Q. How are students notified of workshop results?**

**A.** **ALL** successful and waitlist candidates are notified by email, on Friday March 29, 2019.

**Q. Can I find out what position my child is on the waitlist?**

**A.** To be fair and sensitive to our applicants, we do not publish/announce the order of the waitlist, however the waitlist order is categorized by blocks of students which will be shared.

**Q. When do I need to confirm my child's offer of placement?**

**A.** Signed confirmations of acceptance must be received at KKSA by Friday April 5, 2019. Signed confirmations may be delivered by mail, courier, in person or through TDSB board mail (ask the Office Administrator at your home/closest TDSB school).

**Q. Can I get the results of the workshops?**

**A.** Unfortunately, based on the number of applicants, it is not possible to offer individual feedback. The selection committee looks at all parts of the application package and the workshop is only one part of the information considered. Please consult the rubric formula on our website.

**Q. How many performances are there at KKSA?**

**A.** KKSA typically holds two **Student Showcases** per year. Our showcases are a representation of the artistic work that is created on a daily basis in the different subjects at school. KKSA is not a "Performing Arts" school.

**Q. My child has many extra-curricular obligations and will be away often. How will this affect their learning?**

**A.** KKSA is a very busy school with many field trips, guest presentations, several collaborative assignments, extra-curricular activities, etc. Please keep this in mind when discussing the suitability of this program with your child. As in any learning environment, regular and consistent attendance is recommended.