



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.

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. 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. Due to the Covid 19 pandemic we will not be hosting an in person information evening. Please refer to the [KKSA Website](#) often to access information regarding a virtual information evening (TBD). 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 karenskainsofthearts@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, capacity safety issues and Covid 19 restrictions. Elements of daily school programming are showcased at our Information Evening (TBD). Students also have the opportunity to experience KKSA at the workshops in February (TBD). 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.

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.

KAREN KAIN SCHOOL OF THE ARTS



QUESTION AND ANSWER

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 January 29, 2021 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 and meant to be a positive and fun experience!

Q. When does the workshop take place?

A. The workshops take place on **Friday February 19, 2021 (TENTATIVE)** in either the a.m. or p.m. (Depending on the number of applicants, there may be a need to add another workshop session.) Families will be notified of the student's workshop time on **Monday January 22, 2021** via the e-mail used for their child's online application.

Q. Is there a fee for the workshop?

A. Yes, there is a \$35.00 non-refundable workshop fee. Please contact the school directly to discuss the matter of affordability, this information is held in strict confidence. We ensure that all students who want to participate have a means to access the workshop opportunity.

Q. How are students notified of workshop results?

A. ALL successful and waitlist candidates are notified by email, on **Monday April 19, 2021 (TENTATIVE)**.

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 **Monday April 26, 2021**. 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 strongly recommended.

PLEASE NOTE THAT DUE TO THE UNCERTAINTY OF THE CURRENT COVID-19 PANDEMIC, DATES AND TIMES FOR OUR APPLICATION PROCESS MAY REQUIRE MODIFICATIONS. YOU ARE ENCOURAGED TO MONITOR THE KKSA WEBSITE OFTEN TO KEEP UP TO DATE WITH ANY NECESSARY CHANGES.

[KKSA WEBSITE](#)