

Karen Kain School of the Arts



Welcome to our Submission Information Session.
We are happy you could join us.
We will begin shortly.

Overview

- Introduction
- Overview: Philosophy
- Grade 6 Program
- Learning Skills
- Special Education Resources/Supports
- Online Submission Process
- Questions

Philosophy



- Arts integration in all aspects of the curriculum
- Common themes and success criteria at each grade level
- Collaborative environment with a focus on equity, social justice and empowering the student voice.
- We are NOT a PERFORMING ARTS SCHOOL

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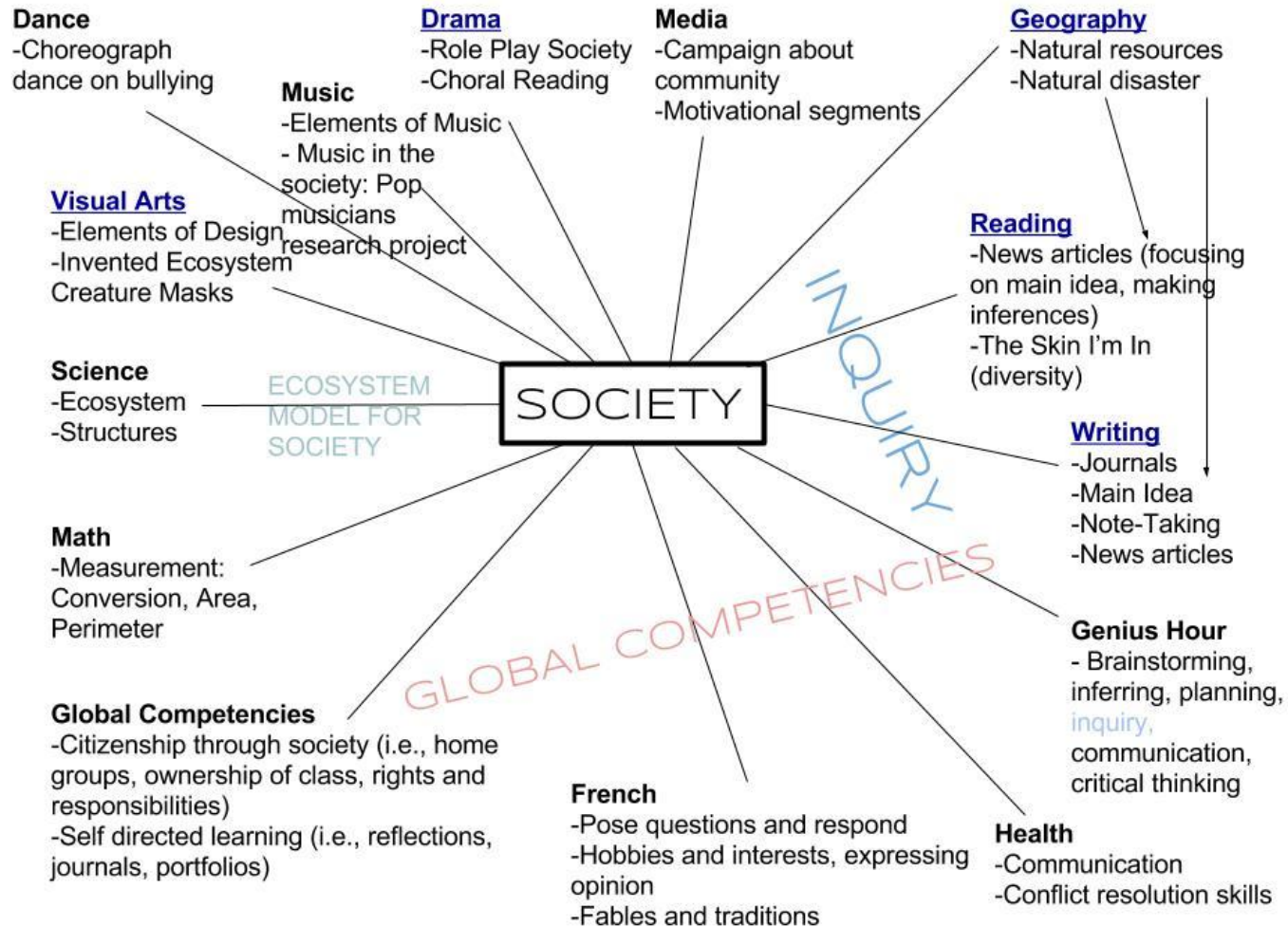
- Our curriculum is taught through an integrated approach, with an emphasis on **Dance, Drama, Vocal Music, Visual Arts and Media.**
- ***We are not a performing Arts school!***
- We are a middle school (**Grades 6 – 8**) where students are admitted in Grade 6 – **60 students** are admitted annually.
- Instruction is differentiated to meet the need of all learners. We do not have a model where students are withdrawn for additional support; this is built into the daily programming.
- We stress the importance of learning skills as life-long learning skills. We enable our community of learners to adapt to the changing world by becoming champions of the environment and by being responsive to global and social issues.
- At KKSA, students will continue to gain expertise in the Arts and they will become life-long supporters of the Arts.



- Emphasis on the theme, & arts-based experiences, as well as skills such as global citizenship and communication

- Create connections between subjects

- Study other subjects through the arts

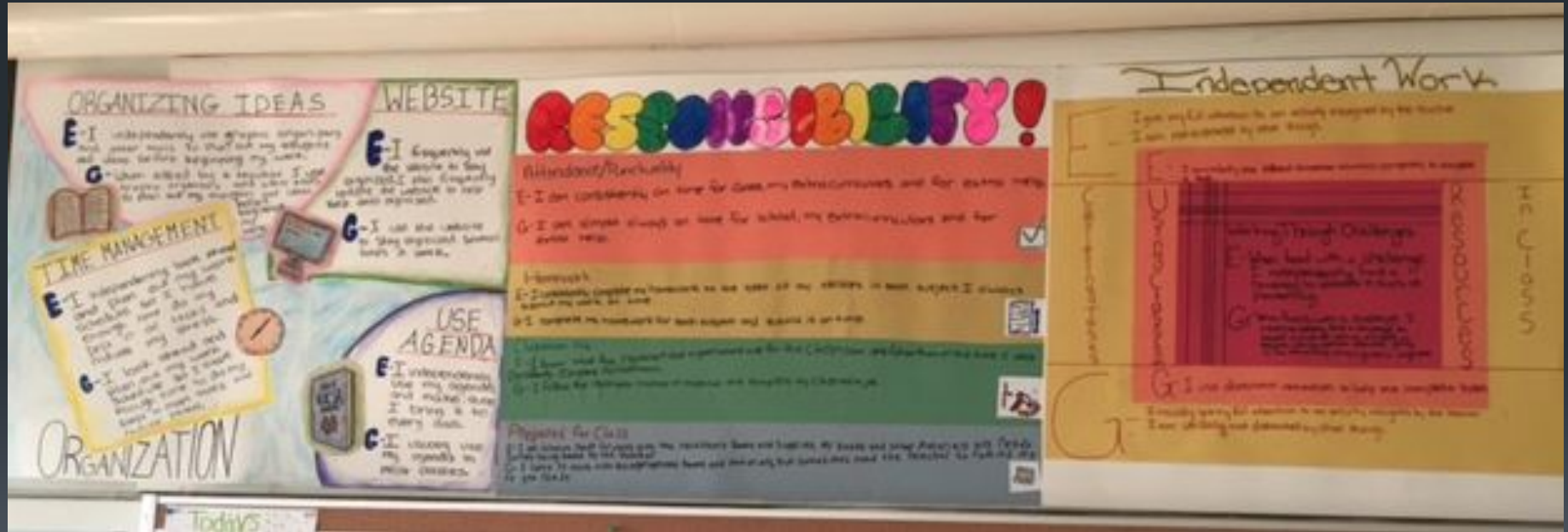


Grade 6 Program



- Two homerooms classes where teacher teaches all subjects except for French, Phys.Ed and Health
- Transition to a new school
 - Letter Buddies
 - Spirit Days
 - Positive Open Mindset Journaling
 - Virtual Talent Shows to showcase talents
- Strong supportive teaching and support staff to help scaffold students

Skills for Lifelong Learning



Equity



Every student belongs.

The school environment is inclusive.

As per TDSB's Anti-Racist and Ethnocultural Equity Policy:

“As part of the Board’s strategic efforts and commitments to advance equity and inclusion, and ensure non-board discrimination, KKSA encourages applications from families that represent the full diversity of communities in Toronto.

Our admission policy allows for priority entry for members of diverse communities, which will count for a minimum of 25% of all grade admissions. As another part of our process, we aspire to have a population that is at least 30% non-female.”

This is a relational representation of the applicant pool.

If you feel comfortable, please check all the boxes below that apply to your child.

Supporting our Students' Needs



- Resource support model (in-class support)
- Accommodations and modifications according to a student's IEP
- Differentiated instruction in all classes
- Educational assistant
- Small group instruction (within the classroom)
- Access to technology

Submission Process - gone virtual!

Part A: Submit a Video and a Written Piece on a Google Form

- Create a 2-minute Video answering questions:
 - a) Introduce yourself by saying your full name*
 - b) Share with us why you love the arts.*
 - c) Share with us a time when you enjoyed working with others? What made you a good group member? Explain how the group worked well together?*
- Write a Written Piece (max. 500 words) about the following:
Tell us why you love the arts? Please provide two experiences that show why the arts are important to you. Moments when you felt passionate about the arts.

Submission Process - gone virtual!

Each Applicant will receive an email with a link to a Google Form with this “How To Apply” instructional video.



Submission Process - gone virtual!

Virtual Submission is open: **January 25 - February 8, 2021**

Part B: Admissions Lottery for 60 Placements

- Each student who earns an average evaluation of Level 3 or more on Part A will have their name placed in a lottery for final admissions.
- Evaluation criteria will be posted on KKSA's website

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Important Dates

- Online Application Process - closes Friday December 18, 2020
- Virtual Student Submission is open - January 25 - February 8, 2021
- Placement Offers emailed - Friday, April 30, 2021
- Confirmation of Placement Due - Friday, May 7, 2021
- Wait List Offers emailed - Friday, April 30, 2021
- Gr 5 Virtual Orientation Night - TBD



This year's Gr8 Students

Zoom Chat
is now open
for questions



Thank you!

