



2020 Summer ST-ARTS Program

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What is ST-ARTS?

ST-ARTS stands for "Special Talents in the ARTS." It is comprised of a summer workshop from June 8 to June 26, 2020, with three additional Saturday workshops. Students in grades 6-8 are eligible to audition in Music (voice or instrumental), Dance, Drama, and Visual Art. ST-ARTS is hosted and staffed by Winthrop University. Please feel free to visit Winthrop's [ST-ARTS Facebook page](#) of the [Rock Hill Schools ST-ARTS webpage](#) for more information.

How do I get accepted into ST-ARTS?

1. Students must be nominated by a parent, teacher, administrator, or themselves. To complete an online nomination form, click [here](#). The nomination form can also be accessed on the Rock Hill Schools ST-ARTS webpage at <https://www.rock-hill.k12.sc.us/Page/2452>. **Online nominations are due by October 13, 2019.**
2. All students who are nominated will receive an audition. Auditions will be held at Rawlinson Road Middle School on November 12th, 2019 at 4:45 p.m. in the auditorium. See audition details below to prepare. Bus transportation from the auditioning student's home school to Rawlinson Road will be provided if needed. Parents need to pick up their children in the Rawlinson Road auditorium at the conclusion of auditions. Pick-up times may vary according to the number and type of audition. Auditions are required to be selected for the ST-ARTS program.
3. Students will receive an acceptance letter approximately two weeks following auditions if accepted.

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. You will experience state-of-the-art facilities and instruction by world class instructors on the Winthrop University campus. Students who are selected will participate in a summer program from June 8 to June 16, 2020, from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. each day. The summer workshops will encourage students to conceptualize and create through a variety of processes and experiences. Students will also participate in three Saturday workshops in Byrnes Auditorium from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on workshop days. Saturday workshop dates are February 1, March 14, and May 16, 2020. Attendance is expected at all Saturday workshops.