



SUMMER ACADEMY

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: How are classes divided up?

A: Summer Academy students are divided into the following groups: **Junior (rising grades 2-5), Intermediate (rising grades 6-8), and Senior (rising grades 9-12)**. Junior students take classes only with other Junior students. Some older division classes are for only Intermediate or only Senior students; others combine Intermediates and Seniors. The Class List indicates which classes are for each division.

Q: What time does my child need to arrive each morning?

A: Students must be seated in the gym by 8:30, so we recommend that parents who drive drop their students off by 8:20 each day, to allow time to drop off lunches and find a seat. Parents are invited to stay for the Morning Assembly, though we recommend that they do not sit with their children.

Q: My child will take the bus. How do I find out where and when to drop off and pick up?

A: Our website will have bus pick-up/drop-off schedules listed by April 15th (morning pick-up is usually between 7:30 – 8:00 a.m.; afternoon drop off is usually between 3:30 – 4:00). Current locations slated for bus service include Freedom Intermediate School, Grassland Middle School, Lipscomb Elementary School, and Sunset Middle School. To add a location, just talk it up in your community! We need a minimum of 15 students per week to add a pick-up/drop-off location.

Q: Do you serve lunch at KOS?

A: No. Students bring their own lunch and drink (there is no refrigeration or microwave available). Snacks and water may be purchased at KOS during lunch.

Q: Does KOS provide childcare before or after regular Academy hours?

A: No, at this time we are unable to provide care outside Academy hours.

Q: Do I really have to choose six alternative classes for my child?

A: Yes. We make every effort to give students their first choices. However, some classes are extremely popular and fill very quickly. If your child has chosen a class that is completely full, we will try to assign his first alternate, then move down the list of alternates as necessary.

Q: How do you choose whom you accept into the Academy?

A: Students are accepted on a first-come, first-serve basis, once Kids On Stage receives their application forms and non-refundable deposits. Previous Summer Academy students are always accepted, unless there was a known discipline problem. New students are provisionally accepted; final acceptance for new students requires a recommendation form from a teacher or guidance counselor (available on our website).

Q: When will I be notified if my child has been accepted?

A: You will receive a postcard, as well as an email, once your child has been accepted (within two weeks of receipt of application/deposit). Your child's schedule will be sent by mail and will arrive between May 1st and May 15th.

Q: My child wants to have the same schedule as her friend. Can you do that?

A: We will certainly try, though we cannot guarantee their schedules will be exactly the same. Please submit both students' applications/deposits as early as possible, and note that you are requesting the same schedules. Remember that classes fill quickly, so we recommend that shared schedule applications be sent in no later than March 7th.

Q: What should my child wear for dance class?

A: Students should wear comfortable clothing, with sneakers or jazz shoes.

Q: What is the Saturday Arts and Music Festival?

A: The Festival is the culmination of all the kids' hard work during the week. Hallways become Art Galleries. Two stages provide performance spaces. It is a time of celebration, great food, wonderful art, theater, music, dance and technical displays. Junior division classes perform early (starting around 11 a.m.); Intermediate and Senior division performances begin mid-afternoon and continue through the evening.

Q: Can I volunteer?

A: Yes! Volunteers are the lifeblood of Summer Academy, and a multitude of volunteer opportunities are available. Our volunteer teams form friendships that last long after the last performance has ended and the last chair stacked. A list of volunteer positions, along with a volunteer application, is available on our website.

Q: What is your refund policy?

A: You may withdraw from the Academy up until May 1st and receive a refund, minus the \$75 non-refundable registration fee. If your withdrawal is due to a medical or other emergency, a full refund will be given, once documentation is provided. No refunds will be given for missed days or if a child is asked to leave Summer Academy for disciplinary reasons. Refunds will be mailed 4 weeks after request is submitted.

Q: What is your disciplinary policy?

A: Because our days are full and students who come to Summer Academy are generally well-behaved, we don't anticipate discipline problems. Our policy is simple. The first time a student causes a problem, he or she will be sent to the office for the remainder of the class or lunch period. If it happens a second time, he or she will go to the office, parents will be called to pick the child up, and that child will not be allowed back to the Academy for the remainder of the week.



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