



# Introductions

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## Welcome to DSA

# Introductions



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# Audition and Acceptance Data



960 Students applied



691 Students completed the audition process

268 Students were accepted







# Audition and Acceptance Data

	6 <sup>th</sup>	7 <sup>th</sup>	8 <sup>th</sup>	9 <sup>th</sup>	10 <sup>th</sup>	11 <sup>th</sup>	12 <sup>th</sup>	Total
Band	13	9	12	24	16	21	16	110
Creative Writing	11	13	18	20	13	19	14	108
Dance	22	21	23	23	21	16	11	135
Guitar	9	9	6	3	4	10	8	49
Piano	8	9	7	6	6	6	7	49
Orchestra	15	9	18	13	17	14	15	99
Stagecraft/Design	n/a	n/a	n/a	19	14	19	15	67
Theater	17	19	24	22	28	31	22	163
Video Cinema	15	16	14	13	11	15	9	93
Visual Arts	17	15	19	19	18	16	15	119
Vocal Music	9	16	17	20	13	13	15	102

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For the 2019-2020 school year we know that we will accept 135 6<sup>th</sup> grade students

Students auditioning for entrance into 7<sup>th</sup> grade will be auditioning for the wait list only

DSA's enrollment is 1,100

687 females and 413 males

# Audition and Acceptance Data



We typically accept additional students coming into 9<sup>th</sup> grade. However, we do not have a set number of students that we accept.





# DSA- About US



Denver School of the Arts holds true to our core values and mission that build lifelong artistic talents by creating a safe, stimulating educational environment.

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Our core values focus on collaboration, diversity, environment, excellence, and joy.





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Denver School of the Arts is a magnet program centered on pre-professional training in an art major. Rigorous expectations in the arts are the center of our school design. When committing to DSA it expected that DSA performances and projects take precedence over all outside artistic study and athletic participation.

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Designated Exemplary Arts School by the Arts Schools Network in October 2018 for five years- this is our third designation

DSA has been named a John Irwin School of Excellence by CDE for past decade.

Named one of the Top High Schools in America by US News and World Report and a Gold Medal Winner for nine years

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Attendance rate is 97% at middle school level and 96% at high school level.

School Advanced Placement pass rate is 83.2%, beating the Global average.

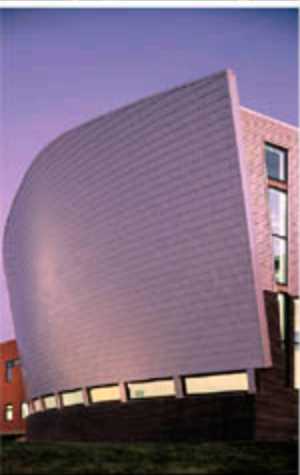
ACT Junior Composite Exam scores is 27

SAT Composite Score is 1270

2018 seniors received \$24,308,980



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School begins at 7:40 am and ends at 2:55 pm.

DSA Operates on an alternating block schedule for 8<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> grades with classes paired on Monday-Wednesday and Tuesday- Thursday with all classes meeting on Fridays.

In 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> grade all classes meet daily with a 95 minutes arts block

Middle school academics are located on the main floor and high school academics on the second floor

Students have daily arts instruction of 95 minutes per day

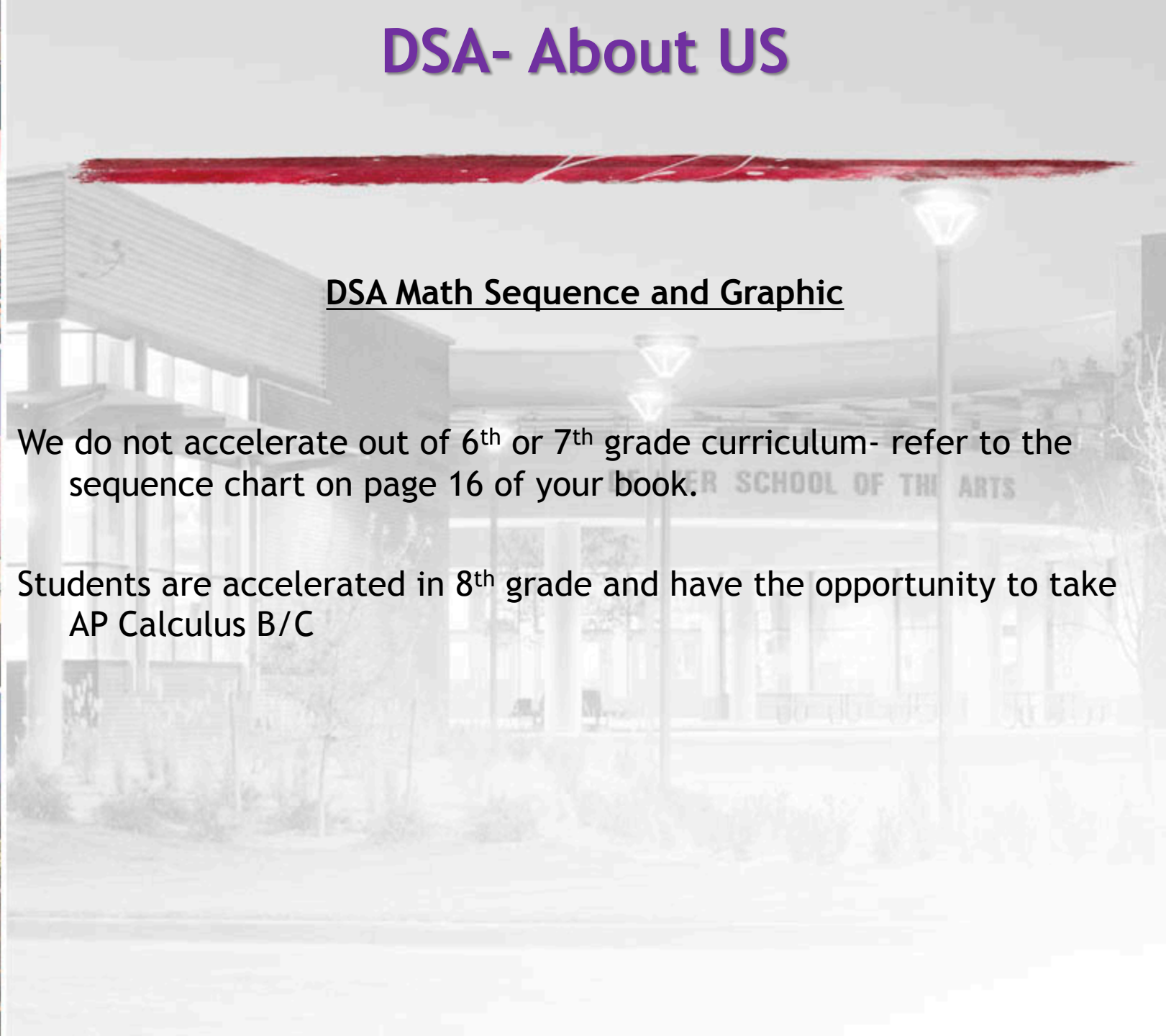
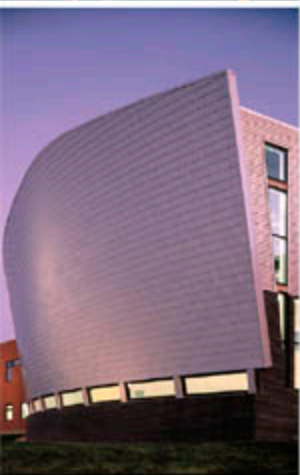
DSA doesn't offer PE/Athletics- we have no athletic facilities in our building.

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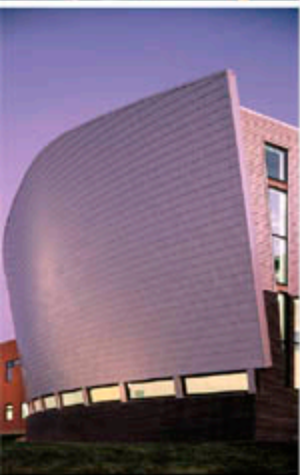
## DSA Math Sequence and Graphic

We do not accelerate out of 6<sup>th</sup> or 7<sup>th</sup> grade curriculum- refer to the sequence chart on page 16 of your book.

Students are accelerated in 8<sup>th</sup> grade and have the opportunity to take AP Calculus B/C



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In high school most classes are honors level and a student has the option to decide not to complete the honors level course work for a class, and receive regular credit on their transcripts.

DSA offers 14+ AP Courses, concurrent enrollment courses and CU Succeeds courses/CCD Courses.

11 arts majors produce over 120 performances, showcases, and exhibits during the school year.

Student travel is an important component of the arts program.

Stagecraft & Design is the only arts majors that begin accepting students in the 9<sup>th</sup> grade only.



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8<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> grade student have an opportunity to explore electives in other arts forms.



Currently 8<sup>th</sup> grade students have an exploratory wheel that introduces student to arts forms other than their major.

9<sup>th</sup>- 12<sup>th</sup> grade students have the opportunity to take electives in other arts majors.



# DSA- About US

If a student decides to change majors after a year in their current major they will:

Apply on-line for the new major  
Attend the pre-audition meeting  
Complete the Audition

If they are accepted into the new major they will move to the new major; if not, they will remain in their current major.



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Multiple activities and clubs exist at DSA.



Students are able to participate in athletics through their home school program or George Washington High School in DPS at the high school level, and their home middle school or DSST middle school.

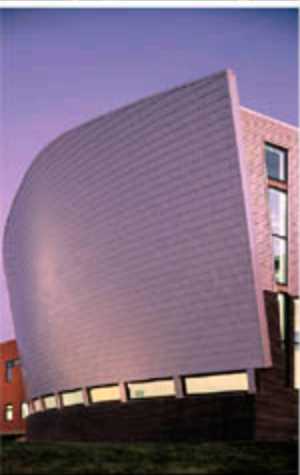


DSA has a national award winning National History Day program and Destination Imagination Program.

Services for students with disabilities and gifted and talented students are provided at DSA.



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Transportation is provided to all Denver resident, middle school students, by yellow school bus. Buses pick-up at a zone school, depending on population centers in the city.

Students who reside outside the City of Denver, and current high school students can apply for an exception to ride a yellow bus, if there is room on a particular bus.

High school students who reside in Denver and live outside the three mile walk zone will receive an RTD bus pass.

A bus map is on display in the DSA Main Office.

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Opportunities exist for parents to become involved in the PTSA and Arts Parent Groups for each major.



Parents are asked to volunteer within their departments each school year.



The DSA Friends Foundation hosts an annual fundraising Gala in the fall and raises money through our annual *Fill the Gap Campaign* for the Visiting and Guest Artist and Scholar Program, a student support fund, and the DSA Summer of Arts (a program for underserved students who have limited access to the arts education).

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## DSA Fill the Gap Campaign

Each year the DSA Friends Foundation Sponsors an annual fundraising campaign called the *Fill the Gap*. This campaign is designed to fill the gap between state funding and the costs associated with educating a students in a high-quality pre-professional arts program. The current gap is \$1,320.00 per student. We ask all of our families to contribute on a level that supports their budget.

Our goal is that 100% of DSA families participate in this fundraising program.



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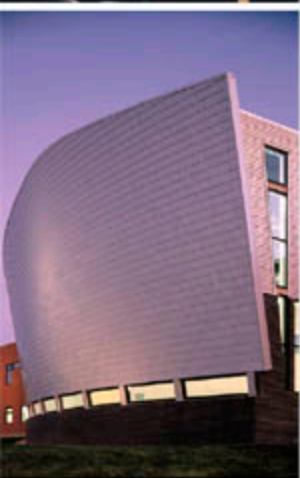


The DSA Visiting Artist and Scholars program brings in over 200 artists each year to work with our students in their majors and academic courses. The majority of these artists are part of the Denver arts community and active artists in our community. These artists are funded through the *Fill the Gap* campaign.

# DSA- About US

To find more information about DSA go to our website:

[dsa.dpsk12.org](http://dsa.dpsk12.org)



# DSA- Application and Auditions

## Miranda Odom- Director of Admissions



The DPS Choice Office has granted DSA permission to hold auditions after the February 15<sup>th</sup> DPS Choice deadline. Please refer to step 3 on the DSA Admissions Home page for specifics.



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The DSA on line application is currently open and closes at 9 am on Friday, January 4<sup>th</sup> .



Pre-audition meetings take place the week of January 7th.

Auditions take place in February at pre-assigned audition times, assigned at the pre-audition meeting.

You must complete both the on line application and attend the pre-audition meeting in order to be assigned a February audition time.



You must complete the district *School of Choice* form.

If you are family that is currently not attending DPS you must pre-enroll to complete the *School of Choice* form.

Emails regarding qualified, wait list, and not qualified are sent on Tuesday, February 26, 2019.



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**Students may only audition for one major-** with 1000+ applicants each year we only have 6 available audition dates.

Students may select to audition for a different major during their tenure at DSA. Students apply online, attend the pre-audition meeting, and complete an audition for the new major. If they are successful with their audition they move to the new major. If they are not successful in the audition they remain in their current major without giving up their spot at DSA.

# *Purchase Tickets*

You may purchase tickets to any performances online at:

[dsa.dpsk12.org/performances](https://dsa.dpsk12.org/performances)





# *Questions???*

We cannot answer questions specific to auditions within a major- these questions will be answered at the pre-audition meeting.





*We hope to see you at auditions!*

Thanks for attending today....

Please contact us if you have any questions!!

