



DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
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**Duke Ellington School of the Arts
SY23-24 Audition Procedures – Visual Arts**

GUIDELINES

All auditions are closed to parents/guardians, family members, or peers. If you leave **for non-emergencies** during your audition, you may be disqualified.

All students must complete an audition in person. However, virtual accommodations can be made for exceptional circumstances and should be requested for consideration to the Admissions Office.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the above, please contact the Admissions Office at admissions@ellingtonarts.org or call 202-631-3129.

What We Are Looking For

Ellington is looking for students with potential who demonstrate their passion for the visual arts. Successful students show strong observational skills and hand-eye coordination.

How to Prepare

Students must bring with them the below:

· ***Images of your portfolio pieces must meet the following criteria:***

· A portfolio of at least five (5) or more works of art - on white drawing paper, 8-1/2 x 11-inch paper or larger – with at least one each in the following categories:

1. A self-portrait, realistic to the best of the student's ability,
2. A drawing of a bicycle,
3. A drawing of an open closet in their home (use color: pencils, markers or watercolors),
4. A drawing of a landmark in the city,
5. Free choice of anything of your own creation.

Please be sure you keep these pieces of art and have them ready for your audition interview.

The five portfolio items above are mandatory. If you have additional portfolio items and/or a sketch book, you are welcome to bring these in as well.

The Audition Process Itself

All students auditioning in the Visual Arts will be required to produce a drawing from a still-life during the audition, write a short essay while in your audition session about the form and

content of a work of art presented in their portfolio and discuss their portfolio during their interview with a Visual Arts faculty member.

The Visual Arts Department will supply the materials needed for your audition. The audition process will take up to an hour and forty-five minutes to complete.

Have a Successful Audition

- Take time and care with your required sketches.
- Be prepared to discuss your work.
- Present yourself well – arrive on time, speak clearly and confidently.

Please note 504 and IEP accommodations are available, please contact us at admissions@ellingtonarts.org with any questions or concerns.