



## *Creative Connections Arts Academy High School*

6444 Walerga Road  
North Highlands, CA 95660  
(916)566-1870

Dear Prospective Performing & Fine Arts Academy Parent/Guardian:

Thank you for your interest in having your child attend Creative Connections Arts Academy (CCAA) High School scheduled to open in August 2010. If accepted, your child will be part of a program that expects high standards in both the arts and academics. Attached to this letter is a complete application packet that **must be completed in its entirety** in order for your child to be considered for our program. CCAA High School follows an application process and public random lottery drawing policy set forth by the CCAA Charter and the Twin Rivers Unified School District (TRUSD).

In order to be eligible for admission, you must return the **completed** application packet to the TRUSD district office no later than **Friday, April 30, 2010**. Incomplete applications will **not** be considered or accepted. If your child's application is considered for acceptance, he/she will be required to participate in an audition process. High school auditions will be held on **May 10 and May 11, 2010**. Please note that participation in the audition process is mandatory for consideration for the CCAA High School. No additional dates will be scheduled. The CCAA school office will be in contact with you to schedule the audition after the April 30<sup>th</sup> application deadline. Applicants who pass the audition will be entered in the lottery drawing on **May 19, 2010**.

To learn more about this new and exciting learning opportunity that awaits your family at CCAA High School, we invite you to attend a Family Information Night on **May 5, 2010** at the CCAA Elementary Campus on 7201 Arutas Drive in North Highlands at **6:00 PM**. We hope you will be able to join us for this important evening.

We look forward to reviewing your child's application and welcoming you into the CCAA family.

Sincerely,

Joseph Breault  
Principal of CCAA

*(Keep this page for reference – detach prior to submitting application)*

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## Application Packet

2010-2011

Grades 9 - 10

Student Name (Last) \_\_\_\_\_ (First) \_\_\_\_\_

Grade Applying For: 9  10

### Application Deadline

This completed packet must be received by 4:00 p.m. on Friday, April 30, 2010  
at Twin Rivers USD, Charter Programs  
5115 Dudley Blvd., McClellan Park, CA 95652  
Tel: (916) 566-1600; Fax: (916) 566-3586

***If submitting your application packet after the deadline, please submit it to the school. The applicant will not be placed in the lottery drawing, but may be considered on a space-available basis.***

## Application Checklist

Student's First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Student's Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Current Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Please submit your completed application in the following order with the cover sheet on top.

- Application Checklist
- Student Application for Admission
- Commitment to Philosophy and Expectations
- Student Questionnaire & Interest Summary
- Student Essay Form
- Parent/Guardian Essay Form
- Teacher Recommendation Form signed by current classroom teacher and principal
- Letter of Recommendation to support visual and performing arts interests and abilities
- Formal Audition Plan
- Most Recent Report Card (available at your child's current school)
- Most Recent School Attendance Report (available at your child's current school)
- Most Recent STAR Testing Results (available at your child's current school)

**TO BE COMPLETED BY DISTRICT OFFICE STAFF**

Application received by \_\_\_\_\_

On \_\_\_\_\_

Action Taken:

- Student application accepted (complete)
- Student application not accepted (incomplete); items missing: \_\_\_\_\_

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Student Application for Admission

Child's Legal Name:	_____	_____	_____
	Last	First	Middle
Child's Nickname:	_____	Current Grade:	_____
Home phone number:	_____		
Home address:	_____		
	Number	Street	
	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female
	City	Zip	
Birth date:	_____	Birthplace:	_____
	Month/Day/Year	City	State

### Adult(s) child lives with:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Relationship \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Employer: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Relationship \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Employer: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**Student Education Information:** School Name: \_\_\_\_\_

School District: \_\_\_\_\_

School Address: \_\_\_\_\_

My child has been enrolled in the following programs: *(Check all that apply)*

#### Special Education

- Resource Specialist Program (RSP)
- Special Day Class (SDC)
- Speech and Language

#### Accommodations

- 504 Plan

#### Other Programs

- Gifted & Talented (GATE)
- English as a Second Language (ESL) or English Language Development (ELD)
- Other (please list): \_\_\_\_\_

**Emergency Contact:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Name Phone Relationship

In an emergency, please take my child to the nearest emergency aid station, by ambulance if necessary. I authorize treatment of my child by a licensed physician or surgeon and agree to bear all costs incurred.

**Parent/Guardian Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

## Commitment to Philosophy and Expectations

The success of a student's experience at Creative Connections Arts Academy High School is relative to the commitment of the student and his/her family to the philosophy and expectations of the school.

As a student at Creative Connections Arts Academy High School,

- I will pursue academic excellence and work to my fullest potential.
- I will attend school every day with a minimum number of absences. I will be on time and avoid early dismissals.
- I will meet or exceed the behavior standards of the school.
- I will encourage and support my parent's/guardian's volunteer activities on behalf of me and the school.
- I understand flexible scheduling may be necessary for certain classes and school activities.
- I will work with my teachers and my parents to develop, implement and follow through with set goals.
- I will participate in a variety of community service activities.

Signature of student: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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As the parent/guardian of a student enrolled at Creative Connections Arts Academy High School,

- I will encourage and support my child's academic achievement, attendance and punctuality.
- I will support the behavior standards of the school and serve as an example for my child.
- I will volunteer my time at school or a school-related activity a total of 30 hours per year.
- I understand flexible scheduling may be necessary for certain classes and school activities.
- I will attend the parent conference and work with my child and the teacher to set goals. I will support the implementation of these goals and their attainment.
- I will support my child's participation in a variety of community service activities.

Signature of parent/guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## Student Questionnaire & Interest Summary

**A. Student Questionnaire** (Please complete questionnaire in your own handwriting.)

1. What specific aspects of the Visual and Performing Arts school interest you most?

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2. As a student, what are your academic strengths and weaknesses?

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**B. Student Artistic Interest Summary** (Please check all categories below that represent areas of interest or areas studied.)

	Has Interest	Yrs. Studied		Has Interest	Yrs. Studied
<b>Instrumental Music</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	<b>Visual Art</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
<b>Vocal Music</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	<b>Stagecraft</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
<b>Drama</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	<b>Digital Arts</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
<b>Dance</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	<b>Other</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____

Please list/describe your previous experiences in the arts: \_\_\_\_\_

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**C. Student Acknowledgement:** As an applicant to Creative Connections Arts Academy High School, I acknowledge that I have read and understand the Commitment to Philosophy and Expectations and I have answered all questions on the application to the best of my ability. If admitted to CCAA High School, I will do my best academic work and contribute as a positive citizen to the school.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date





## Teacher Recommendation Form

**Parent/Guardian:** Please ask your child's current teacher to complete this form. It is your responsibility to ensure that the district office has received this form prior to the April 30, 2010 deadline in order for your child's name to be entered in the lottery drawing.

**Teacher:** Please fill out and sign this recommendation form on behalf of the student who is applying for Creative Connections Arts Academy High School. The recommendation will not solely determine placement but will be used to get a broader picture of the applicant.

**Principal:** Please sign then forward the form to the Charter School Programs office at the address or fax number below where it will be attached to the student's application.

I am completing this form on behalf of \_\_\_\_\_  
(Student Name)

who is applying for the Creative Connections Arts Academy High School.

Referring Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_ Current Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Current School: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

School District \_\_\_\_\_

How long has this student been in your class? All Year \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

Favorable Not favorable (circle one on each line)

5 4 3 2 1 Gets along with peers

5 4 3 2 1 Attends class regularly and punctually

5 4 3 2 1 Demonstrates positive citizenship

5 4 3 2 1 Completes academic assignments

5 4 3 2 1 Works independently

5 4 3 2 1 Works to his/her fullest potential

Yes No Meeting Grade Level Standards in READING

Yes No Meeting Grade Level Standards in MATH

Special Talents: \_\_\_\_\_

Additional comments: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher Signature (**Required**): \_\_\_\_\_

Principal Signature (**Required**): \_\_\_\_\_

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*Please return this completed form to*  
Twin Rivers Unified School District, Charter Programs Office  
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## Formal Audition Plan

According to the admission requirements of our charter, each student will be required to participate in a formal audition. The purpose of the audition is to gather information about each student's interests and skill level for educational planning.

1. Students will choose an area of talent or interest (playing a musical instrument, singing, dancing, dramatic reading, painting, drawing, sculpture, etc.). They will present their skill to a panel of experts with the staff of the school making the final decision.
2. Students will be assessed using a numerical scoring system between "0" and "5". Students must reach an average score of "3" to be eligible for the lottery.

Once applications have been received and processed, families will be contacted to schedule auditions. Please limit your audition presentation to a maximum of three (3) minutes.

Solo performance

Briefly describe below how you plan to fulfill your audition requirement:

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Select the **ONE** discipline below that best showcases your skills.

- Music
- Dance
- Drama
- Visual arts

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Number: \_\_\_\_\_

## Registration Information

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Parents/Guardians:

Within 30 days of the lottery drawing, you will be notified by mail of the lottery results.

If your child is accepted to our school, you must complete registration forms and provide the documents listed below to the school office staff to complete your child's enrollment. This registration paperwork must be completed for all incoming students including those who currently attend the elementary campus. Failure to do so before **Friday, May, 28, 2010** may result in the loss of your child's spot in our school and/or placement on our waiting list.

1. **Birth Certificate.** A Baptismal Certificate, Hospital Certificate, Green Card or Passport is also acceptable. Only these forms of documentation can be accepted. For a fee, the Sacramento County Department of Vital Statistics can provide duplicate certificates.
2. **Immunization Record.** (The record must verify fulfillment of the following immunization requirements.)
  - ✓ Polio – 4 doses at any age. 3 doses meet the requirement for the 7-17 age group if one dose given after the 4<sup>th</sup> birthday.
  - ✓ DTP/Td (Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis) – 5 doses at any age. 4 doses at any age for the 7-17 age group. 3 doses meet the requirement if at least one was given on or after 4<sup>th</sup> birthday. If last dose was given before 2<sup>nd</sup> birthday, one more dose (booster) is required.
  - ✓ MMR (Measles, Mumps, Rubella) – 2 doses, both doses on or after 1<sup>st</sup> birthday
  - ✓ Hepatitis B – 3 doses at any age
  - ✓ Varicella (Chickenpox) or MD verification of disease - 1 dose for children under 13, 2 doses are needed if immunized on or after 13<sup>th</sup> birthday.

If your child is not accepted at this time, his/her name will be added to our waiting list. If and when an opening occurs, you will be notified. For information regarding the waiting list, please call the charter campus.

NOTE: If you live outside Twin Rivers USD boundaries, an interdistrict transfer is **not** required since there is no residency requirement for charter schools.

## Parent Volunteer Options

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- Attending day time school events and field trips
- Supervising extra-curricular parent planned events
- Preparing food for special school events
- Volunteering for school functions (ticket sales, set-up, clean-up, organization, supervision, etc.)
- Saturday work days to improve facilities
- Computer and graphics work for school functions (developing/updating web pages, fliers, etc.)
- Assisting with health screenings
- Acting as a committee leader/member
- Working from home collecting box tops/pop tops, completing character assignments, doing research, grading work, completing finishing touches on projects, book binding, etc.
- Serving on the School Site Council
- Building, painting and creation of sets/props
- Sewing costumes for productions
- Cleaning costumes for productions
- Designing production fliers and playbills
- Stage help for productions/concerts
- Helping with video productions, digital photography (slideshows, portfolios) and audio productions
- Fundraising for programs and materials

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## 2010/11 Important Dates

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### Family Information Night

Wednesday, May 5, 2010 at 6:00 p.m.

CCAA Elementary Campus  
7201 Arutas Drive, No. Highlands, CA 95660  
Tel: (916) 566-1870; Fax: (916) 331-2959

### Auditions

Monday, May 10, 2010 (Drama and Dance)

Tuesday, May 11, 2010 (Music & Art)

CCAA Elementary Campus  
7201 Arutas Drive, No. Highlands, CA 95660  
Tel: (916) 566-1870; Fax: (916) 331-2959

*All auditions will be in-person (live). We will not accept any recordings (tape, CD or DVD) or projects made at home. Students must score an average of "3" or higher during their audition to be eligible for the lottery drawing.*

### Lottery Drawing

May 19, 2010 at 4:00 PM

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