



A Magnet School for the Arts

Arts Application & Audition Guidelines

Incoming 6th Grade Students

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Deadline to Return Audition Packet: Friday, January 27, 2023
Auditions will be held January 31st & February 1st

It **STARTS** *With the* **ARTS**



A Magnet School for the Arts
Audition & Admission Process

Please read this entire packet completely.

Oak Hammock Middle School, located in the East Zone, is a Magnet School for the Arts, offering innovative arts classes alongside a rigorous academic curriculum. Our Arts Program encompasses a variety of courses at varying levels including dance, art, band, orchestra, chorus, theatre, television production, film production, and music production. Incoming 6th grade students interested in being selected for our Center for the Arts must live in the East Zone or West Zone 1 and must complete their Student Enrollment Application before applying and auditioning at Oak Hammock Middle.

Please follow the procedures described on the following pages carefully. The entire application process for the Center for the Arts at Oak Hammock Middle includes the following steps:

1. Complete the Lee County School District Student Enrollment application either online or paper.
2. Complete the enclosed Student Application and return the entire packet by **January 27, 2023**. You may also find an application online or in our main office. The application must include the following to be considered:
 - A completed application
 - Two letters of recommendation, at least one from a current teacher and one who can speak to the student's artistic ability or desire to be part of our Center for the Arts. Letters may not be from a member of the applicant's family.
3. **Late applications will not be accepted. There will not be any exceptions.**
4. Audition appointments will be scheduled for qualifying students after applications have been reviewed.
5. If auditioning, be at Oak Hammock on either **January 31st & February 1st for an audition start time between 5 and 6 p.m.** based on audition choice. Auditions are first come, first served. Auditions will be complete by 8:00 PM.
6. Prepare for your audition(s) following each program's audition guidelines labeled, "Audition Requirements."
7. All auditions are closed to observers. This is for fairness and equity for all students auditioning.
8. Arrive at the main office of OHMS at the appointed time. Auditions are on a first come, first served basis.
9. A letter will be mailed from OHMS no later than **February 12th** regarding the status of each student's acceptance.
10. If selected for the Center for the Arts at Oak Hammock Middle School, you will get an intent form which needs to be **filled out immediately and mailed or hand-delivered to OHMS by February 22nd**.
11. Students selected will be removed from any other assigned school through Student Enrollment. This will be taken care of by OHMS.
12. Students are expected to make a three-year commitment to the Arts Program at Oak Hammock Middle School. This commitment includes participation and attendance for ALL performance related after school activities.
13. Parent/Guardian involvement is **HIGHLY** recommended and welcomed.

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Theatre Arts

Oak Hammock's theatre program trains students in the fundamentals of theatre. Student coursework focuses on but is not limited to acting, vocal performance, dance/movement, non-dance movement, and staging. Over the three-year magnet curriculum, students will refine skills and collaborate as a functioning theatre ensemble. Topics explored include but are not limited to acting, directing, playwriting, theatre history, the great American playwrights, theatre design, and musical theatre. Rehearsals and performances are a required part of this program.

AUDITION REQUIREMENTS

Each student will participate in a live audition to include but not limited to the following:

- Memorize and perform TWO short, contrasting monologues (about one minute each; no more than two minutes each).

OR

- Memorize and perform ONE monologue (about one minute; no more than two minutes) AND a 1-minute cut of a musical theatre-style song. Instrumental accompaniment tracks for songs are preferred, but students may sing a cappella (without music). Pop music is NOT allowed!

Audition Attire Students must wear appropriate audition attire. No shorts, t-shirts, or sandals of any kind will be permitted. Please dress as you would if you were attending a special event, but remember to also dress in a way that allows for movement. Hair should be secured away from the face.

Applicants should bring a current headshot and resume (if applicable/available) to their audition. This is by no means a requirement but simply a helpful tool.

Visual Arts



The visual arts program at Oak Hammock Middle School teaches an appreciation of Art across time and cultures. The Beginning Art course concentrates on developing students' artistic skills and techniques and allows for placement into the Advanced Art Program. Students will become strong visual communicators, creative thinkers and resourceful problem solvers. Throughout the curriculum, students will be expected to create both two- and three-dimensional artworks as well as maintain a personal portfolio with the opportunity to participate in district art shows.

AUDITION REQUIREMENTS

Each student will participate in a live audition to include but not limited to the following:

- Students will be required to sketch with a 6B pencil and charcoal without erasers.
- Students will have a choice of still life compositions to draw. Sketches made during the audition will NOT be returned to students.

Audition Attire

Students must wear appropriate audition attire that includes professional dress.



Chorus

Oak Hammock's Choral program is a three-year cumulative program that trains students on skills required to be not only great ensemble singers but also solo singers. Students curriculum includes, but is not limited to Alexander Technique body mapping, breath control/support, changing the color of one's voice, and smoothly transitioning between the vocal breaks. Most music performed will be memorized. The program includes a minimum of 1 performance opportunity a semester with opportunities to perform in variety events throughout the county. Students also will have opportunities to participate in collaborative concerts with the other arts disciplines at OHMS. Proper attendance in rehearsals and performances are a required part of this program.

AUDITION REQUIREMENTS

Each student will participate in a live audition to include but not limited to the following:

- Students must prepare the first verse of "My Country Tis of Thee" using an instrumental track from YouTube.
- Students must prepare and memorize a full-length, age-appropriate song. An instrumental accompaniment track is HIGHLY RECCOMENDED, but students may sing a cappella (without music).

*Note: Judge may ask you to move to your next song before you have reached the end. It is in no way a sure positive or negative thing.

AUDITION ATTIRE

Audition Attire: Students must wear appropriate audition attire. No shorts, t-shirts, or sandals of any kind will be permitted. Please dress as you would if you were attending a special event, but remember to also dress in a way that allows for movement. Hair should be secured away from the face.

« Applicants should bring a current headshot and resume (if applicable/available) to their audition. This is by no means a requirement but simply a helpful tool.



Dance

At Oak Hammock Middle School dance students will be provided with a wide range of quality opportunities and experiences that will allow them to prepare for advance study, creative growth, and personal fulfillment. Students participating in dance will study the major dance styles and choreography, with a strong focus on performance practices and individual creative expression. In the dance classroom, skills are developed through classwork, technique, individual and class projects, and performance opportunities. Course offerings include an Introduction to Dance class, Introductory Ballet, Hip-Hop, Salsa and Ballroom Dancing, Jazz and Lyrical Dance, and Advanced Dance.

AUDITION REQUIREMENTS

Each student will participate in a live audition to include but not limited to the following:

- Students will be asked to perform simple movements at the barre to demonstrate technique knowledge.
- Students will be asked to perform a series of skills across the floor; these skills will include splits, grand jeté, battements, pirouettes, and tilts.
- Students will need to learn and perform a short contemporary center floor combination.

Audition Attire

Please wear appropriate dancewear or clothing that is easy to move in. Hair should be secured up and out of the face in a ponytail, bun, or French braid. Feet can be bare or appropriate dance shoes may be worn.



Television & Film Production

The Television and Film Production Program Oak Hammock Middle School introduces students to the art of television and film acting and producing. Students will be expected to be part of recording and editing for both recorded and live school news shows and short films and editorials. Television and Film production will expose students to writing scripts, following teleprompters, acting in front of a camera, editing film clips, and producing television shows and short films. Students in the Film Production class will compete in Film Festivals.

AUDITION REQUIREMENTS

Each student will participate in a live audition to include but not limited to the following:

- Students will be given a short prompt in which they will have to respond. The prompt will focus on a possible news story to be expanded upon by the writer.

Audition Attire

Students must wear appropriate audition attire that includes professional dress.



Music Production

The Music Production Program Oak Hammock Middle School introduces students to the art of lyric writing, creative poetry writing, and music production. Students in this course will learn the art of writing lyrics for the purpose of poetry or for songs. In addition, students may play instruments or sing songs for the purpose of recording their own work. Students in advanced courses will produce music CDs performed by Oak Hammock students.

AUDITION REQUIREMENTS

Each student will participate in a live audition to include but not limited to the following:

- The production teacher will interview students to determine which aspect of music production best suits them.
- Students will have 7 minutes to make a music track from scratch.

Audition Attire

Students must wear appropriate audition attire that includes professional dress.



Band

The Oak Hammock Middle School Band Program consists of three ensemble levels: Beginning, Intermediate, and Advanced Bands. Each group will be expected to perform in front of an audience consisting of the school community, family members, and community members at community events. Music theory and music reading are part of the expectations for all three levels of band. All incoming 6th graders without prior experience will start in Beginning Band and placement in 7th grade will be dependent upon performance throughout the student's 6th grade year. Advanced and Intermediate Band members have opportunities to audition for All County, All State, and participate in the Solo & Ensemble Festival.

AUDITION REQUIREMENTS

Each student will participate in a live audition to include but not limited to the following:

Students with prior instrumental experience

- Students are to perform Concert B flat, E flat, A flat and F major scales and arpeggios, or as many as known from memory, at a tempo, range and style representing the student's current level.
- Students are to perform a prepared solo or etude appropriate to the student's current ability level. Accompaniment is neither required nor recommended.

Students without prior instrumental experience

- Students will be guided on an evaluation of aptitude on each instrument of the band including flute, oboe, clarinet, saxophone, French horn, trumpet, trombone, baritone, tuba and percussion. Students will then be placed on an instrument through the evaluation process.
- Students will be required to demonstrate that they can maintain a steady beat.
- Students will listen to a series of 3-5 pitches on the piano and sing them back.
- Students are to bring a prepared short paragraph or resume outlining student's musical experience and desire to play a particular instrument and be a member of Oak Hammock Middle School Band Program.

Audition Attire

Students must wear appropriate audition attire that includes professional dress.

Orchestra



The Orchestra Program at Oak Hammock Middle school consists of three ensemble levels: Beginning, Intermediate and Advanced. Each group will be expected to perform in front of an audience consisting of the school community, family members, and community members at community events. Music theory and music reading are part of the expectations for all three levels of orchestra. All incoming 6th graders without prior experience will start in Beginning Orchestra and orchestral placement in 7th grade will be dependent upon performance throughout the student's 6th grade year. Advanced and Intermediate Orchestra members have opportunities to audition for All County, All State, and participate in the Solo & Ensemble Festival.

Orchestra (Cont'd)

AUDITION REQUIREMENTS

Each student will participate in a live audition to include but not limited to the following:

Students with prior instrumental experience

- Students will perform D, G and C major scales and arpeggios, or as many as known from memory, at a tempo, range and style representing the student's current level.
- Students are to perform a prepared solo or etude appropriate to the student's current ability level. Accompaniment is neither required nor recommended.

Students without prior instrumental experience

- Students will be guided on an evaluation of aptitude on each instrument of the orchestra instruments including violin, viola, cello and bass. Students will then be placed on an instrument through the evaluation process.
- Students will be required to demonstrate that they can maintain a steady beat.
- Students will listen to a series of 3-5 pitches on the piano and sing them back.
- Students are to bring a prepared short paragraph or resume outlining student's musical experience and desire to play a particular instrument and be a member of Oak Hammock Middle School Orchestra Program.

Audition Attire

Students must wear appropriate audition attire that includes professional dress.

Keyboard (Piano)

Students develop fundamental piano techniques, learn to read music, apply basic music theory, and explore the role of Piano music in history and culture. Beginning pianists explore musical creativity through basic arranging and improvisation and develop analytical listening and problem-solving skills.

AUDITION REQUIREMENTS

Students with prior instrumental experience

- Please prepare music that is comfortable and shows your ability on the Piano. No length or style requirement.
- Pieces do NOT need to be memorized. Accompaniment is not required and will not be available at the audition. Audition will last no longer than 5 minutes in total.

Students without prior instrumental experience

- Students with no experience will complete a short interview with Mr. Beilman and will be expected to share their desire to play piano in the arts program.





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Middle School Audition Application Form 2023-2024 School Year

Phone # (239) 693-0469

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5321 Tice Street, Ft. Myers, FL 33905

Please fill out the information below and return by fax, US Mail or in person to our school.

The deadline to submit this application is **Friday, January 27th**.

Last Name	First Name	Middle Initial	Student Identification #
Current Street Address			Apartment Number
City, State, Zip Code	() (Area Code) Home Phone	() (Area Code) Parent Cell Phone	Phone
Birth Date	Gender	Present School	
First and Last Name of Parent(s)/Guardian(s)		Work Phone	Primary Language (English, Spanish, etc.)
Parent/Guardian e-mail address			

<u>CIRCLE THE DEPARTMENT(S) FOR WHICH YOU WISH TO AUDITION</u>	
<i>You may audition in more than one area.</i>	
ALL AUDITIONS START PROMPTLY AT 5PM. PLEASE PLAN ACCORDINGLY.	
Allow a 3-hour block of time for the audition (5:00 - 8:00).	
This is your <u>ONLY</u> notification. Mark your calendar!	
Tuesday, January 31st 5:00 - 8:00 PM	Wednesday February 1st 5:00 - 8:00 PM
BAND	KEYBOARD/PIANO
DANCE	MUSIC PRODUCTION
THEATRE & CHORUS	ORCHESTRA
TV & FILM PRODUCTION	VISUAL ARTS

As per district policy, you **MUST** have a *Student Identification Number* to apply. This is obtained by registering with the School District of Lee County through STUDENT ENROLLMENT office **BEFORE** turning in this application. Your student enrollment receipt must accompany this application. Additionally, you **MUST** have a current address in the East Zone to audition for the Oak Hammock Middle School Center for the Arts.

Office Use Only: Rec. by: _____ Date: _____



OAK HAMMOCK MIDDLE SCHOOL



Application: Teacher Recommendation 1

Recommendations must be in a sealed envelope with the teacher's signature across sealed the back.

Recommendations must be included in the application packet and returned by January 27, 2023.

Please print clearly.

Student Last Name	Student First Name	Student ID
Name of Person Making the Recommendation		Phone Number
E-mail Address		

Please rate this student:

	No Basis	Below Average	Average	Good	Very Good	Excellent Top 10%
Creativity						
Self-Motivation						
Discipline						
Work Habits						
Academic Achievement						
Interpersonal Skills						
Interest in the Arts						
Written Expression of Ideas						
Potential for Growth						
Ability to Follow Directions						

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Application: Teacher Recommendation 2

Recommendations must be in a sealed envelope with the teacher's signature across sealed the back.

Recommendations must be included in the application packet and returned by January 27, 2023.

Please print clearly.

Student Last Name

Student First Name

Student ID

Name of Person Making the Recommendation

Phone Number

E-mail Address

Please rate this student:

	No Basis	Below Average	Average	Good	Very Good	Excellent Top 10%
Creativity						
Self-Motivation						
Discipline						
Work Habits						
Academic Achievement						
Interpersonal Skills						
Interest in the Arts						
Written Expression of Ideas						
Potential for Growth						
Ability to Follow Directions						

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