

***Institute for the Arts
Fact Sheet***

When and where will the Institute for the Arts (IFTA) be held?

Monday, July 6 – Thursday, July 30, 2009 (weekdays)
8:00 am – 1:30 pm

Robinson Secondary School
5035 Sideburn Road
Fairfax, VA 22032

Who is eligible?

Students currently enrolled in grades 6– 11 who will be entering 7th through 12th grade during the 2009-10 school year.

What is the tuition and are reduced fees available?

\$750 for Fairfax County residents
\$950 for Non-Fairfax County residents

Reduced fees and tuition waivers are not available for this program.

Is transportation provided?

Yes, for FCPS students residing in Fairfax County. Students are picked up and dropped off at various Fairfax County schools. (These are different than designated drop-off and pick-up sites used during the school year.)

Yes, for Non-FCPS students residing in Fairfax County. Students are picked up and dropped off at various Fairfax County schools.

Students not residing in Fairfax County must provide their own transportation.

The bus schedule is determined by the FCPS Transportation office. Routes and times are included in the Student/Parent Information packet to be mailed to student homes approximately 7-10 days prior to the start of the program.

Will lunch be provided?

No, students need to bring their own lunch; limited vending machines may be available.

Students are supervised by an administrator and other support staff in the cafeteria.

Will students be able to select their own courses?

Students select and rank six courses in order of preference and indicate these on the IFTA registration form. Each student is enrolled in four courses with an effort made to accommodate as many of the student's choices as possible.

Please note: Schedule conflicts and limited class size can impact the student's final schedule. All student schedules are determined after auditions take place.

Are auditions required?

Auditions are used for class placement purposes only, not for acceptance to IFTA. Auditions and portfolio reviews are required for some classes as indicated in the brochure.

Audition information will be available on the website at:
<http://www.fcps.edu/DIS/OHSICS/FineArts/IFTA/index.htm>

When and where will auditions be held?

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For students with last names A-K: Monday, May 4, 2009 6:30-8:30 PM
For students with last names L-Z: Tuesday, May 5, 2009 6:30-8:30 PM

When will students receive their final class schedule?

Student schedules and bus schedules will be included in a Student/Parent Information packet to be mailed approximately 7-10 days prior to the start of the program.

How will students find their classrooms?

The IFTA principal, assistant principal, teachers, and support staff will be in the halls to offer assistance. Maps of the high school and clearly-marked signage will also be posted throughout the school.

Maps will be included in the Student/Parent Information packet.

Do students provide their own equipment and/or supplies?

Instruments, clothing and footwear, and cameras are required for some classes as indicated in the brochure.

Communal storage is available for instruments but at the students' own risk. Individual lockers are not available.

Where can one obtain an IFTA brochure and registration form?

Brochures and a registration form have been mailed to FCPS students currently enrolled in grades 6–11, as well as several area private schools and public libraries.

It can also be downloaded from: <http://www.fcps.edu/DIS/OHSICS/FineArts/IFTA/index.htm>

When are registration forms due?

Close of business: Friday, April 17, 2009.

Students registering after this date will be placed on a waiting list and will be contacted on a first-come, first-served basis providing space is available.

When and where are the Informational Meetings?

Robinson Secondary School,
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Thursday, March 26, 2009 7:00 PM Blue Cafeteria
Tuesday, April 14, 2009 7:00 PM Blue Cafeteria