

CREATIVE CONNECTIONS ARTS ACADEMY

(Holmes Elementary School Campus)

Application Packet

2008-2009

Grades K-8

Student _____

Current Grade _____



Lottery Deadline

The completed packet must be received by 4:00 PM on

Friday, February 29, 2008

at the Rio Linda Union School District

Educational Services Office

5703 Skvarla Way, Building 1407

McClellan Park, CA 95652

**APPLICATION PACKETS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED AT
SCHOOL SITES**

Lottery drawing will be Thursday, March 13, 2008 at 4:00 PM

at the CCAA

7201 Arutas Drive

N. Highlands, CA 95660



If applying after the lottery drawing please submit the completed packet school site

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Application Checklist

Please place your completed application in this order with the cover sheet on top.

Application Checklist (page 1)

Parent/Guardian Checklist (page 2)

Commitment to Philosophy and Expectations (page 3)

Application for Admission (page 4)

Student Essay (page 5)

Parent/Guardian Essay (page 6)

Signed Recommendation form from (students in grades 1-7 only) Current Classroom Teacher or Signature of Principal (page 7)

A signed letter of recommendation to support Visual and Performing Arts interests and abilities, i.e., music teacher, previous teacher, dance instructor or sports coach (Page 8)

Formal Audition Plan (page 9)

Parent Involvement Ideas (will be detached and given to parent when received Page 10)

Registration Information

Most Recent STAR Testing Results (Grades 2-8 available at your child's current school)

Most Recent Report Card (available at your child's current school)

Application received by _____

On _____

Action Taken: Student application accepted _____

Student application not accepted due to _____

Other, please explain _____

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Parent/Guardian Checklist

Please take time to read over the following statements and initial and date each item.

_____	_____	I understand that parents/guardians are required to perform a minimum of 30 hours of parent participation per year.
Date	Initials	
_____	_____	I understand that students are required to perform a minimum of 5 community service hours per grading period.
Date	Initials	
_____	_____	I understand that students are required to participate in All Field Study Day activities.
Date	Initials	
_____	_____	I understand that upon entering our school, all immunizations must be current per Registration Requirements. Students not providing such proof will not be allowed to enter school and will lose their enrollment position.
Date	Initials	
_____	_____	I understand that students will be held accountable to the state standards of achievement in the core subject areas with minimum 2.0 GPA
Date	Initials	
_____	_____	I understand that students are required to be in school a minimum of 85% of the time. Lates, tardies, absences and early dismissals are factored into this percentage.
Date	Initials	
_____	_____	I understand I must be in attendance for Back-To-School Night and Parent Conferences.
Date	Initials	
_____	_____	I intend to support the policies that govern the Creative Connections Arts Academy and the bylaws of the school.
Date	Initials	
_____	_____	I understand that transportation is my responsibility.
Date	Initials	
_____	_____	
Student Name		Parent/Guardian Signature

COMMITMENT TO PHILOSOPHY AND EXPECTATIONS

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

As a student at Creative Connections Arts Academy,

- 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/guardians 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: _____

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

- 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: _____

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APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION
 Holmes School Campus

Name child uses: _____				
	Last	First	Middle	
Legal name, if different _____		Current Grade: _____		
Home phone number: _____				
Home Address: _____				
	Number	Street		
			Male	Female
Birth date: _____		Birthplace: _____		
Month	Day	Year	City	State
Racial/Ethnic Identification (voluntary) _____				

Adult(s) child lives with:

Name: _____
 Relationship _____ Cell Phone _____

Employer: _____ Work Phone: _____

Name: _____
 Relationship _____ Cell Phone _____

Employer: _____ Work Phone: _____

Parent e-mail address: _____

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: _____**

Emergency Contact: _____
 Name Phone Relationship

Student Education Information: School Currently Attending: _____

School Address: _____

Teacher's Name: _____

Is your child currently enrolled in any special programs? Yes No

If yes, please check those that apply. GATE RSP/RSP+ Speech

Learning Center Special Day Class

Other _____

**** PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE: _____ Date: _____**

STUDENT ESSAY

Write a one-page essay describing why you want to attend Creative Connections Arts Academy and why you would be a good addition to the student body. You may use this page or lined paper.

Student must complete essay in his/her own handwriting. (For Kindergarten students, if student is unable to write response, parent may assist.)

Student Signature _____ Date _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN ESSAY

Write a one-page essay describing why you want your child to attend Creative Connections Arts Academy and why your participation would benefit the school. You may use this page, or attach a computer generated response.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

Write a one-page signed letter of recommendation to support Visual and Performing Arts interest and abilities, i.e. music teacher, previous teacher, dance instructor, or sports coach for this student.

Signature _____ Date _____

Title _____

**Creative Connections Arts Academy
Holmes School Campus**

Rio Linda Union School District, Educational Services
5703 Skvarla Ave, Bldg. 1407, McClellan, CA 95652
Phone: (916) 566-1600 Fax: (916) 921-7146

STUDENT RECOMMENDATION

Parent/Guardian: Please forward this to your child’s current teacher. Please allow 5 business days for completing prior to application deadline.

Teacher: Thank you for completing this recommendation form on behalf of this student who is submitting an application to Creative Connections Arts Academy. This recommendation must be received by the application deadline. The recommendation will not solely determine placement, but will be used to get a broader picture of the student who is applying. Please have your school principal sign it and forward it directly to the address above where it will be reunited with the student application packet. If after the lottery drawing, please complete recommendation and send to the individual site campus of choice.

I am writing on behalf of: _____

(Student Name)

who is applying for the Creative Connections Arts Academy?

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
Yes	No				GATE (Gifted and Talented Education)
Yes	No				Resource Specialist Program

Special Talents:
Additional comments:

Teacher Signature: _____ **(Required)**
Principal Signature: _____ **(Required)**

FORMAL AUDITION

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 (such as playing a musical instrument, singing, dancing, dramatic reading, painting, drawing, or sculpture, etc.) and asked to perform their skill. They will present their skill to a panel of experts with the staff of the school making the final decision.
2. Students may be placed in small groups and participate in a lesson in music, visual arts, dance, or drama. The students' participation in the lesson will be observed by the panel. This option for the audition is specifically designed for the younger applicants and those older students with a great interest in the arts that have not had the opportunity to develop their talents in any one particular area.
3. Students will be assessed using the attached scoring document. Students must reach an average score of "3" to be eligible for the lottery.

Please indicate below how you plan to fulfill this audition requirement. Once applications have been received and processed, presentations will be scheduled. Families will be contacted as soon as dates are available.

Limit your audition presentation to a maximum of 3 minutes.
Please briefly describe the performance:

_____ Participate in a group lesson

Select the ONE discipline that best showcases your skills

_____ music

_____ dance

_____ drama

_____ visual arts

Applicant's Name _____

Parent/Guardian Name _____

Contact Number _____

SAMPLE

2008

Creative Connections

Audition Scoring Sheet Grades Pre-K to K

Student Name _____

Current Grade: Pre-K K _____
(circle)

Genre: Art Dance Drama Music Other _____
(circle)

Presentation: Live Performance _____

Group Lesson _____

Points	5	4	3	2	0
	Outstanding	Excellent	Good	Fair	N/A
Organization					
Vocal/Speech Tone					
Posture/Movement					
Eye Contact					
Creativity/Design					
Expressiveness					
Confidence/Presence					
Total Score					

Overall Ranking (Average of Above results):

Outstanding (5)___ Excellent (4)___ Good (3)___ Fair (2)___

Additional Comments: _____

Reviewers Initials _____

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Parent Volunteer Options

(Keep this page for reference – detach when application is submitted)

- 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 (developing, updating web pages, flyers, etc.) for school functions
- 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, finishing touches on projects, book binding, etc.
- Serving on the School Site Council
- Set/prop building, painting and creation
- Sewing costumes for productions
- Cleaning costumes for productions
- Designing production flyers and playbills
- Stage help for productions/concerts
- Helping with video productions, digital photography (slideshows, portfolios), and audio productions
- Fundraising for programs and materials

Registration Information:

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

If your child has been accepted to one of our campuses, you are required to complete registration paperwork and provide the below-listed documents to the charter campus where your child will be attending. It is the parent's/guardian's responsibility to complete these requirements before enrollment is official. Failure to do so before Friday, May 4, 2007 may result in loss of your child's spot in our school and/or placement on our waiting list.

Birth Certificate (or Baptismal Certificate, Hospital Certificate, Green Card or Passport) Only these forms of documentation can be accepted. For a fee, the Sacramento County Department of Vital Statistics can provide duplicate certificates.

Immunization Record verifying 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 2nd birthday.

DTP/Td (Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis) – 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 2nd birthday. If last dose was given before 2nd birthday, one more dose (booster) is required.

MMR (Measles, Mumps, Rubella) – 2 doses, both doses on or after 1st birthday

Hepatitis B – 3 doses at any age

Please note, your child is beginning at a new school. This paperwork must be completed for all incoming students including those who currently attend the elementary school where the charter campus is located.

If your child has not been 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, you may call the charter campus chosen on your application.